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Homosexual inquiry into Scots judges

Lord Dervaird quits after ultimatum

There have been allegations

that judges had taken part in

homosexual activities with young men in a country

cottage in south-west Scotland and had frequented public

houses and clubs in Glasgow

known to be haunts of the

No further resignations are

expected and none will be

sought. The legal source said:

"If there was a judge who had a homosexual relationship of a steady nature which did not expose him to the risk of blackmail and public ridicule or give rise to the risk that his judgement would be compromised, that would not preclude him from serving on

preclude him from serving on

"The Lord President is not

in a position of possible moral

judgement. Where a judge was

in a position of possible

exposure and blackmail, or a

breach of confidence in rela-

tion to his performance as a

judge, then this would not be

acceptable. Each relationship

would be judged according to

Judge A was said to have

been seen in a Glasgow public

house frequented by homo-

sexuals. "He was seen with a

member of the junior Bar with

whom he was alleged to be

having some kind of homo-

sexual haison," the source

incident was serious enough to

strongly denied the allegation

and suggested it was a case of

sexual. A third allegation that

the judge might know of a

country cottage where crim-inal conduct had taken place with boys was investigated after the Lord Advocate con-

tacted the area police. The Crown Office also checked,

but the rumour was found to

Lord Hope spoke to Judge A

on a number of occasions and

the judge strenuously denied

that he was involved in any

activity of an improper na-

Rumours were also circulat-

ing concerning Judge B, but there were no specific allega-

tions other than that his name

was being mentioned in a

homosexual context. The

ture, the source said.

be without any foundation

suspected of being homo-body.

mistaken identity."

justify challenging him. He Council of Law Reporting.

He also denied another the Agricultural Law Associ-

allegation that he had visited a ation of the UK. From 1979 to

Glasgow disco with people 1985, he was chairman of that

the bench.

homosexual community.

Judge B was said to have

the gay community, but had

left in disgust and was not

alleged to have engaged in any homosexual activity. The source said: "His reaction was

such that the Lord President

was satisfied that the rumours

No specific allegations were

made against Judges C and D, but they were named to the Lord President, Judge D had

shared a flat with one of the

to comment last night; and the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, rejected a request from Mr Jim Sillars, Scottish

National Party MP for Glas-

gow Govan, for a statement in

the Commons. Mr Sillars,

who did not name Lord

Dervaird, said he understood

Scottish national newspapers

had been briefed, and Scot-

land was being "swept with

Lord Dervaird was ap-

pointed a judge on January 29,

1988 to replace Lord Jauncey

who was made a Lord of

As Mr Murray, he was

admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1962 and took

silk in 1974. Lord Dervaird, a

married man, was chairman of

the Scottish Lawyers' Euro-

pean Group from 1975 to

chairman of the Scottish

of the Scottish Law Com-

mission and vice-president of

He has also been a member

1978 and from 1978 1

rumours" on the issue.

Appeal in Ordinary.

other judges concerned. The Scottish Office declined

vere without foundation."

Five of Scotland's 24 cerned four other judges, High Court judges have whom the source called been under investigation simply judges A, B, C, and D. been under investigation after allegations of homosexuality, a senior legal source confirmed last

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night.
The revelation comes after one of them, Lord Dervaird, aged 55, resigned from the bench after allegations of homosexual behaviour were put to him shortly before Christmas by Lord Hope, the Lord President of the Court of Session, equivalent to the Lord Chief Justice in

England.

The senior legal source said that Lord Dervaird, formerly Mr John Murray, QC, was advised to resign or face an inquiry, but no details of allegations against him were allegations against him were revealed. He declined to comment when he resigned after less than two years on the bench, but rumours soon be-

Various allegations that have been investigated con-



TO HEALTHY LIVING

At the mercy of the elements

"Some water supplies do not come up to EC regulations, and some of the substances involved have a known health risk. But how big that risk is, no one knows." The

Times Guide to Healthy Living continues with an examination of the threats posed by the environment modern man has created for himself. See page 11

From today, The Times is expanding its coverage of science and technology. Our fourpage report begins on page 31

There was only one winner of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 29

New-look Cook

Thomas Cook, the travel agency owned by Midland Bank, is to spend £18 million on revamping 250 of its high street outlets to encourage higher-spending travellers to book with them ____ Page 23

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Marsh questioned on Warren shooting







Frank Warren (top, right) aiming the camera at Terry Marsh and (above left) showing his brother where the bullet struck his chest; and the moment when Marsh won the world light welterweight championship in 1987.

Boxer is held at airport

By Michael Horsnell

Terry Marsh, the former world boxing champion, was being questioned last night in connection with the at-tempted murder of Frank Warren, his former manager, who survived a point-blank shooting in London seven

Mr Marsh, aged 31, was held at Hackney police station east London all day after being arrested at Gatwick airport in an operation involving men from the Metropolitan and Sussex forces.

He was questioned by Det Supt Jeff Rees, senior officer of a special squad whose inquiries have included investigations within the boxing

Mr Nigel Benn, the leading British middleweight boxer and a close friend of the arrested man, also went to Hackney police station but police said that only Mr Marsh was being questioned about the attempted murder.

Police stopped Mr Marsh as he stepped from a Continental Airlines flight from Newark, New Jersey. The former fire-man from Basildon, Essex, was returning from Atlantic City where he had watched Mr Benn box on Monday.

Mr Warren, aged 37, a millionaire promoter, who was Mr Marsh's manager when he became world light welterweight champion until he was forced to quit boxing with epilepsy in 1987, was shot when he arrived in his chauffeur-driven Bentley at a boxing promotion in Barking.

Although hit in the chest and wounded, he has made a remarkable recovery.

Mr Marsh, a boxing promoter and manager in his own right now, denies involvement

Soviet troops told they can fire on militants

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

Armenians after troops came under threat and military depots were raided.

nightly news bulletin said that started, and police and troops Soviet army, interior ministry and KGB troops had shown "maximum restraint" in attempting to restore order.

have become unbearable, the iron rods and thrown from leadership of the defence ministry, interior ministry and KGB have given instructions to their personnel to use their with military rules and applicable laws," it said.

Lord Dervaird: Challenged The announcement came as

The Soviet military authorities yesterday gave permission four more badly-burnt bodies blocked a military airfield in to their forces to fire on of Armenians being discovtirovabad. There was also an warring Azerbaijanis and ered in Baku. The Soviet exchange of fire with Soviet Ministry of the Interior said troops in Taziken, a village of 169 Armenian and Azerbaijani homes had been raided The announcement on the or set on fire since the clashes

had arrested 75 people. Soviet correspondents "But as these situations clubbed, beaten to death with

windows in Baku.

fices, a police post and on the Ministry of Communication. In Azerbaijan, the Popular Ehegnadzor was smashed.

the Shamkhor district, when a group tried to seize five tanks from an army unit.

In Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian populated enclave inside Azerbaijan, roads were painted a gruesome picture of still blocked and trains halted. Armenians being stabbed, so troops were being flown

into the area. Rallies were held in Baku in defiance of the curfew and ban In Armenia, gangs raided 13 on public meetings, with demmilitary guard posts for arms. onstrators chanting slogans weapons in strict accordance Interior Ministry district of People have turned their anger against Moscow, and a Lenin monument in the village of

Ford talks break down

Ford, Britain's biggest car disruption caused by uncompany, faced a crippling official walkouts timed to national strike after the com- coincide with the talks yespany refused last night to increase substantially its 10.2 per cent pay offer to 32,000 Photograph manual workers.

Talks broke down after five hours with union negotiators to offer large increases over recommending that the entire assembly line workforce took all-out strike action over the two-year pay deal.

Despite the pressure of huge

terday, Ford managers refused

No return

the 10.2% tabled last week

which drew widespread criti-

cism from government ministers. Continued on page 22, coi 3

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MPs question Rover sale

Not EC concern, Young says

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

Lord Young of Graffham said sidies to BAE to close the sale. yesterday that he withheld from the European Commission full details of the final terms on the £150 million in interest which BAe sale and insisted there were no admitted it had sained from space because he did not consider it their concern. Photograph ...

The former Trade and Industry Secretary's statement came as he faced MPs for the first time to answer allegations purchase price for more than that he deliberately deceived 20 months. He said the de-

admitted it had gained from improprieties involved.

Parliament

delaying the £150 million £38 million in hidden sub- not "a state aid".

In his first full explanation He also insisted that he still in Parliament, Lord Young believed the EC would not said he strongly objected to order the repayment of the £22 attempts to "run down" the

As he answered allegations that he deliberately deceived Parliament and the European Commission over the final terms, he retorted that the deal "was a great triumph" and that he deliberately deceived 20 months. He said the de-Parliament and the EC over ferred payment agreement was make short-term political advantage out of the affair.

life 'under threat' By Robin Oakley, Political Editor With the social security Bill increase in child sexual abuse for single-parent families now and signalled a new drive to topping £3 billion a year Mrs restore moral values, insisting Margaret Thatcher yesterday the permissive pendulum was warned that Britain was reapbeginning to swing back. The

Britain's way of

ing the harvest of the permissive 1960s with a breakdown in the family unit which

represented "a new kind of threat to our whole way of life".

She linked the breakdown

with the increase in child

cruelty and teenage homeless- that one in five children now Continued on page 22, col 7 ness, expressed outrage at the

the National Children's Home

Thatcher 'fizzing with fury' over student loans

and participate in the scheme". Sir John said in his memo that Mr MacGregor warned that the Prime Minister was "absolutely fizzing with fury and was promising retribution (as yet unspecified) against the banks".

the Student Loans Company Limited

grants for student maintenance suffered a severe setback when the banks pulled out, although Mr MacGregor repeatedly stated that the withdrawal of the banks did not affect his proposals.

which are intended to be a supplement

from what the Government regarded as a commitment to take a shareholding in "phase one" of a plan to abolish grants and introduce loans for the cost of living at college.

Letters

Prime Minister said in her

inaugural George Thomas

Lecture under the auspices of

"That explains why she is so angry. Without the banks all you have is a socialist-style bureaucracy. It would be very difficult to go to phase two and abolish grants unless top-up loans were already being administered by the commercial banks," one Tory MP said.

"first whiff of grapeshot" after student unions threatened to boycott branches administering student loans.

And if you don't tion" against the leading commercial banks after they pulled out of the ill set MRS. Government's student loans scheme, THATCHER according to a confidential memoranon to you ... dum leaked to the Labour Party. She was "fizzing with fury". Last month the Government's plans She ordered Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and to introduce loans partly to replace

Science, to deliver a threat of revenue to the representative of the chairmen of the finance houses, Sir John Quinton, chairman of Barclays Bank In his minute of the "bruising meeting", he said Mr MacGregor deliv-

ered "on instruction from the Prime

Minister, a severe reprimand to the

hanks for their last-minute withdrawal

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

The Prime Minister threatened "retribu-

Some backbench Conservative MPs said yesterday that they believed that Mrs Thatcher saw the "top-up" loans,

In Sir John's memo, which was circulated to all the other chairmen of clearing banks and records his meeting with the Secretary of State on December 19 last year, he said Mr MacGregor had accused the banks of collapsing at the

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Officers to take Dear to tribunal

Several former members of the West Midlands serious crime squad, which was disbanded last year, have started legal moves to take Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable,

before an industrial tribunal (Craig Seton writes).

The officers were among 53 detectives who were moved from operational duties to administrative jobs by Mr Dear last August when he ordered an unprecedented inquiry into the activities of the serious crime squad after allegations that some of its members had fabricated evidence.

Up to seven officers, including a chief inspector, an inspector, a sergeant and a constable, are involved in the plan to go to an industrial tribunal where they are expected to claim that their Chief Constable's action changed the nature of their jobs to such an extent that they consider they have been constructively dismissed.

The Police Federation, which represents officers up to chief inspector, is supporting them. West Midlands police said: "There is no precedent for this sort of action."

Ivory trade reprieve

Ivory traders in Hong Kong have been given the right to continue trading legally despite an international treaty banning the sale of ivory (Ruth Gledhill writes). Britain yesterday entered a six-month reservation to the prohibition on ivory trade on behalf of Hong Kong. Wildlife and conservation bodies condemned the reservation, disclosed by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, so that traders can dispose of the legally acquired ivory.

Spitting Image sale

Spitting Image, the Central Television satirical puppet show, has a new chairman (Martin Waller writes). Mr William Sargent, who runs a graphics company providing special effects for television, would not disclose yesterday how much he paid for his estimated 60 per cent share in the company. He is buying out three sleeping shareholders. Some of their shares will also go to Mr Peter Fluck and Mr Roger Law, who helped to form the company behind the latex puppets. Mr Sargent will take over the daily running of

Rival route dropped

Stratford, east London, rather than at King's Cross, were formally repudiated yesterday by Ove Arup, the firm of consulting engineers that has been promoting the £2.15 billion scheme (Michael Dynes writes). Abandonment of the project came after a series of public meetings attended by Mr Timothy Janman, Conservative MP for Thurrock, and Mr Colin Stannard, an Ove Arup consultant.

Wind gust of 161mph

A wind gust of 161mph, the strongest registered at low level in Britain, was recorded at the Butt of Lewis, western Scotland, on Tuesday night (Kerry Gill writes). The hurricaneforce gust was recorded at a lighthouse on the most northerly point of the Western Isles. Mr John Knight, the keeper, said: "We hardly felt a thing." The wind was measured at Force 17 on the Beaufort Scale, beating the record of 141mph set at Fraserburgh, north-east Scotland, last February.

Air hooligan billed

A passenger who forced a flight to be diverted has received a £1,400 bill from the airline. He threatened other travellers on the Britannia Airways charter flight from Tenerife to East Midlands Airport last November and hit out at two women the airline said vesterday. When the crew failed to calm the man, the pilot diverted the plane to Lisbon, where police removed him. Britannia has billed the man for handling charges at Lisbon and the extra fuel needed.

Liverpool appointments

Two Militants land Euro jobs

By Nigel Williamson, Political Staff

Two leading Militant support- formally employed by Mr ers, expelled from the Labour Party in 1986 and barred by the House of Lords from holding civic office for five years, have landed top jobs paid for by the Labour-controlled Liverpool council.

Mr Tony Mulhearn, a former councillor, who was seen constantly at the side of Mr Derek Hatton during Liverpool council's budget confrontation with the Government in the mid 198Os, has been appointed together with Mr Frank Mills, another debarred councillor, as the city's liaison officers with the

European Parliament. The jobs carry salaries of £15,000 a year each but the total cost of the new unit was estimated by one Labour source last night at £150,000.

The move has already been condemned by some Labour councillors as a "jobs for the boys disgrace". One said that it had been "sprung" upon them at a meeting of the council's Labour Group on

The appointments were carried by 21 votes to 17 with 18 councillors absent and moves are already afoot to attempt to overturn the appointments at a specially reconvened meeting of the group, not least because the jobs were never

Although the two will be

Kenneth Stewart, one of Liverpool's two Labour MEPs, the salaries and running costs of the new unit will be met out of council funds. Mr Stewart defended the

appointments saying "They are quite capable of doing the job. I know they will do their best for the city - they would not last five minutes if they didn't. We need people in the city to follow up our applications for European grant cash and lobby in Liverpool and Brussels when necessary.

The reappearance in Liverpool politics of two prominent supporters of Militant will add support to the claims of Mr Frank Field, the deselected MP for Birkenhead, who yesterday submitted a dossier of complaints about continued Militant activity in the region to the Labour Party's National Executive.

Labour's opponents in the city were also quick to attack the appointments. Mr David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill, said: "It is quite unacceptable for people to be taken on at ratepayers's expense who have not been through the normal career structure of local government". The Militant connection only added to the scandal.

Labour reforms would lead to fewer jails

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

A sentencing council designed to bring greater consistency from the courts was proposed by the Labour Party yesterday in a package of reforms aimed at substantially reducing the prison population.

Prisons would close as the reforms, which see jail as a punishment of last resort, and new crime prevention measures began to bite, according to proposals published by Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary. Restrictions introduced in 1982 to

reduce prison sentences for young offenders would be extended to cover adults, while no offender under 17 could be remanded or sentenced to prison.

The proposals are outlined in A

dent review body of lay people and judges to investigate suspected miscarriages of justice, such as the Guildford four case.

The body could either advise the Home Secretary to order a retrial or conduct an investigation of the whole case itself. There would be a "trigger mechanism" for sending cases to the review body to avoid it being "swamped" with unjustified applications.

The Labour document comes shortly before the government White Paper on criminal justice and there are considerable similarities between Labour proposals and those expected in the White Paper.

Mr Hattersley rejected suggestions that Labour was "soft on crime", saying: "The posture over crime is one of the reaons the crime Safer Britain, which also commits rate has gone up. There is a feeling

tougher you are in terms of sentencing the more the crime rate will fall. The evidence shows that that is wrong." All the talk about toughness had increased crime by diverting the Government from crime preven-

Crime prevention the key to reducing prison population, says Hattersley

tion, Mr Hattersley said. The document commits Labour to introducing a crime prevention Bill imposing a statutory duty on local authorities to introduce such crime prevention measures as better street lighting, better security for council properties, better design and layout of estates and improved management of town centres, housing estates and public facilities.

Local authorities would spearhead the crime prevention initiative in partnership with the police, local communities, private enterprise and voluntary organizations.

Turning to the prison population,

the document says Britain imprisons more people than any other country in Western Europe, at a cost of £288 a prisoner a week, compared with £18 a week to supervise them in the community.

The document says: "The Labour Party believes that prison should be used as a last resort for those convicted of serious offences and that there is a need to reduce both the number and length of prison sentences for most categories of

Labour says custody should be imposed only to protect the public; when the offender is unwilling to respond to non-custodial penalties, and for offences so serious that a non-custodial penalty cannot be

The new sentencing council would provide guidelines for a range of cases designed to ensure that the

At present the Court of Appeal produces guideline judgements in only a limited number of cases. Other proposed reforms include:

A review of maximum penalties. • A system of means-related fines • Ensuring that community service is used as an alternative to custody, • Expanding the probation service • Reforming the bail process to reduce the number of people re-

manded in custody. • Reviewing the system to see whether the court is the best setting for dealing with young offenders. • Raising the maximum age of the juvenile court to 18.

◆ The document sets out a package of proposls to ensure that victims of crime are compensated and are kept informed at all stages of the justice process from the moment of report. ing a crime.

Elite Irish police unit criticized over robbery ambush toll

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Irish police officers was under way last night after ballistic evidence showed extraordinary incompetence on the part of officers during an armed siege last week. The siege at Athy, Co

Kildare, came after an attempted bank robbery by an armed gang which had been under surveillance by a specially trained police unit since setting off from Dublin earlier in the day. During an ensuing gun battle one of the five robbers was killed and two iniured, one seriously.

A bank teller was shot in the back and a porter received minor wounds. Three detectives were wounded, including Detective-Garda John O'Mahoney, who was hit in the groin and the legs. A passer-by was slightly wounded.

After the shooting, at the small square outside the Bank of Ireland, the Garda press office issued statements saying detectives had opened fire only after members of the gang started shooting.

Yesterday, however, it was police weapons and guns carried by the robbers showed the gang had not fired a shot during the episode. It appears that not only had the police opened fire without being shot at, but they had also wounded six people who were not members of the gang, three of whom were fellow officers.

For ordinary police this may be embarrassing; in this case the unit involved, which is usually armed with weapons including Uzi sub-machineguns and pump-action shotguns, is regarded as the best in Ireland.

The Irish Times said the unit was styled as the Emergency Response Unit, part of the Security Task Force which is part of the Special Branch. It is apparently so secret there has been no official confirmation that it exists.

The officers are the experts relied on to deal with hijackings and hostage situations. Apart from firearm skills, they are trained in negotiation techniques and are involved in security for embassies and government offices in Dublin. During Ireland's presidency

of the European Community they have an important part to play and are expected to be involved in security arrangements for the 12 Community foreign ministers who arrive in Dublin this weekend. The Garda inquiry into the

Athy incident is also expected to examine why the press office issued no less than five substantially different versions of what happened and

An internal inquiry by senior why, in spite of the stake-out

the unit involved was report-

edly "taken by surprise" when

the robbers arrived. It is believed the unit tracking the gang from Dublin forgot to tell those waiting for them that the robbers were on their way. The bank staff were not told of the stake-out or that an armed robbery was anticipated.

In response to mounting political pressure over the affair, Mr Ray Burke, Justice Minister, released a statement last night in which he confirmed that none of the robbers' weapons had been fired.

Mr Burke said it was a matter of deep regret that life was lost and injuries sustained during the attempted robbery. "It is, however, an unfortunate fact of life that in today's

circumstances Gardai have to use weapons to counter the threat presented by armed gunmen on the streets. A call by a Roman Catholic

bishop for an independent inquiry into the shooting of three men in Belfast by the Army last Saturday was re-Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Dr Cahal Daly, Bishop of

Down and Connor, said the shootings had caused a "crisis of credibility" for the security forces in the eyes of the community. His comments came as John McNeill, the third man killed in the bungled Falls Road betting shop robbery, was buried in west Belfast after a funeral attended by about 100 mourners.

Royal Ulster Constabulary detectives, meanwhile, were continuing to interview a man arrested on Tuesday in connection with the robbery.

Dr Daly said the aspect which concerned him most was that those who had been expressing greatest concern about what actually took place, were not propagandists but respected people.

 The Supreme Court in Dublin reserved judgement in an appeal by Dermot Finucane to prevent his extradition to Ulster. He is wanted in connection with the mass break-out from the Maze prison in September, 1983. • The Law Lords reserved judgement yesterday on whether Royal Ulster Constabulary officers involved in an undercover operation seven years ago should be compelled to give evidence at an inquest into the deaths of three terror-

● A French court has postponed until March its decision on whether to extradite three suspected IRA terrorists to West Germany.

ist suspects.

Young's question time



Drink driving

Refusal to give police wider powers criticized

By Ray Clancy and Richard Ford

terday encouraged police to set up checkpoints on roads outside public houses and on the outskirts of towns and villages as part of efforts to crack down on drunken driving.

Mr David Waddington said police throughout England and Wales already had the power to carry out random breath tests and in Sussex those powers were being used as police stopped every vehicle in some streets or as they left villages and subjected drivers to breathalyser tests.

As MPs, chief police officers nd campaigners against drink drivers criticized the Government's decision not to give the police extra powers to conduct random breath tests, Mr Waddington, said some people did not understand the potential of the present law. "The job therefore is to

encourage the police to go in for vigorous enforcement of the law to teach the public how strong the present law is," he said. He added that if people

The Home Secretary yes- went to Sussex they would see as "astonishing and cynical" cars being stopped in a street by the Parliamentary Advand drivers subjected to breath tests, with similar op-erations taking place on every chairman of the council said: vehicle leaving particular villages.

The decision by the Cabinet home affairs committee not to was going against the advice of give police extra powers was Waddington and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, supported wider powers. Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Con-

stable of Warwickshire and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said he was disappointed by the decision because there was wide support for random testing among the public and ministers at the Department of Transport. He said the decision was a setback. Polls in recent years

have suggested that over 80 per cent of the public support some additional powers to prevent death and injury caused by drink drivers. The decision was described

isory Council for Transport chairman of the council said: "It is a missed opportunity to save lives. He said the Government

seen as a victory for Mr all parties and consultation which showed 3,000 out of 3,400 respondents wanted a significant change in the law. Mr Graham Buxton, sec-

retary of the Campaign Against Drinking and Driving, said: "The Government has ignored the pleas of every single caring motoring organization in the country and listened instead to the objections of the brewers. Under the Road Traffic Act

1972, police can stop a car at random but have to show "reasonable cause" to suspect a driver has been drinking before they breathalyse. The Opposition condemned

the decision, saying existing police power was not a substitute for random breath

Chaos in courts may lead to delays

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs

The Lord Chancellor faces mounting pressure from se-nior judges to delay his plans for moving many cases from the High Court to the county courts. Judges say the county courts are inadequately funded and staffed.

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The state of the county courts, described by Lord Ackner as a "scandal", is now the biggest stumbling block to government plans to reform the court system.

So far the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern has stood firm on his proposals to devolve cases to the county courts in the Courts and Legal Services Bill. But senior judges and peers are expected to offer amendments preventing Lord Mackay from acting without the agreement of the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, who has said the court infrastructure is crumbling.

Yesterday, the Law Society reported instances of delays in the county courts gathered by more than 30 solicitors' firms around the country. An official said: "The most horrifying example comes from Swindon county court, where a solicitor was trying to obtain an injunction to protect a women from a violent former boy friend. That took six weeks."

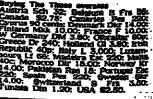
The Lord Chancellor has already received evidence that said to be more than a month behind in dealing with post and that Wandsworth county court almost ran out of money for postage and was only able to answer letters that came

with stamped reply envelopes. Concern over the county courts has been fuelled by the Lord Chief Justice who said that "in one large complex (in London), 50 per cent of the staff have less than six months' experience", and that supply of The Times bas been cut off in most courts as a measure of economy."

The Lord Chancellor's Department said yesterday that there were problems for the courts this year with an expected 6 per cent increase in workload which was not foreseen. "We are well aware of the problem and are taking steps to improve matters."

CORRECTION

Emma Nicholson's article, 'Now medical records go on the open market" (December 28), as edited, suggested that pharmacisis were not "bound by the ethic of confidentiality". The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain issues a code of ethics to its members instructing them to respect confidentiality.



Lord Scarman (right) talking yesterday to Mr Rod Hackney, the comm

Beware risk of underclass, says Scarman

By Charles Knevitt

Britain could develop permanent underclass in which the young "feel so frustrated and so alienated from the rest of society that they see no future for themselves", Lord Scarman said yesterday.

The Brixton riots in 1981 had shown the threat of an alienated section of the community. An underclass would develop if steps were not taken to prevent it, he said in London at the launch of the fifth annual Community Esterprise Scheme.

He had become aware of the importance of the effect of the built environment, especially

the riots. There were no panaceas, however. "A whole number

myriad - of small enterprises, co-ordinated but with one purpose", could help to solve inner-city problems. The Com-munity Enterprise Scheme helped to identify local leaders who enable communities to create their own environment. It is sponsored by The

Times, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community. There are three new categories of award this year: for community architecture, comn training and community business. Prize money has been increased to more than £30,000. The closing date for

entries is March 7. The Prince of Wales, patron



statement read out by Lord Scarman: "Local involvement by people in creating their own environment can make a substantial contribution to a more viable and sustainable

"Building communities re-

vision of what might be." He quoted the New Age writer, Theodore Roszak, from his book, Where The Wasteland Ends. "I can think of 40 reasons why none of these projects can possibly succeed and 40 different tones of wry cynicism in

which to express my welldocumented doubts. "But I also know that it is more humanly beautiful to risk failure seeking for the hidden springs than to resign to the futurelessness of the wasteland. For the springs are there

to be found ' Lord Scarman added: "If enough of us act on these words, we will solve the problem of the underclass develop-ing in our inner cities." The

Calouste Gulbenkian fo ation, the Community Projects Foundation, the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit and the Housing Associations Charitable Trust Commercial sponsors of in-

dividual awards are Barciays Bank, Shell (UK), Marks & Spencer and the Post Office. In addition to the nine categories of entry, the

Charles Douglas-Home Award will be presented to the most outstanding entry. For information and entry forms contact: Robin Dezu,

Community Enterprise Scheme, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD. Telephone 01-580 5533.

of manslaughter over shoddy wiring

An electrician yesterday went on trial for the manslaughter of a young father killed by an electric shock from a sink after a central heating system was wrongly wired.

The case against Stephen Holloway is believed to be the first in which allegations of poor workmanship have resulted in the Crown Prosecution Service bringing such a

Mr Nicholas French, aged 23, died at his grandmother's home in High Halden, Kent, in May 1988 when he touched the steel sink as he stood on a slightly damp floor in stock-inged feet. Mr Michael Worsley, QC, said for the prosecution that the shock was so strong that Mr French could not let go of the sink.

Mr Worsley told Maidstone Crown Court that Mr Holloway had undertaken the electrical work at Mrs Eva Hukins's home after the instaliation of oil-fired central heating just before Christmas,

His work was "so badly, negligently and, indeed, reck- apprenticeship with a Surrey

Mr French's death. The cru-

cial error, Mr Worsley said, was the fact that Mr Holloway had connected the live pin in the central heating pro-grammer to the earth in the junction box which resulted, at times, in all the radiators and pipework in the house

The problem was compounded by the fact that there was a faulty circuit-breaker which was not Mr Holloway's fault - in the house's ageing electrical system. Any competent electrician

should have tested the circuitbreaker after the family complained about getting shocks from the system, Mr Worsley done so, even though he had checked his work at least twice, once after a delivery severe shock that he had fallen cause was static electricity. off the oil storage tank.

Mr Worsley said Mr Holloway, self-employed as an electrician for more than 20 years after serving a five-year nothing wrong with his work.

lessly" done that it resulted in firm, could be found guilty only if the jury found him responsible not only for a breach of the duty of care, but also of recklessness.

Mr Holloway, aged 42, of

Goddington Park, Ashford, Kent, denies manslaughter. Members of Mr French's family described the shocks they had received, and Mrs Hukins, aged 78, rejected suggestions from Mr Roger Titheridge, QC, for the de-fence, that she had experienced only a slight shock when she touched the draining

you jump," she said. Her daughter, Mrs Carol said. Mr Holloway had not French, said she had telephoned the central heating engineer after receiving a mild shock from one of the radidriver had received such a ators but had been told the

board with a wet cloth. "They

were more than tingles: they were shocks. They really made

Mr John Lilley, Mrs Hukins's son-in-law, said Mr Holloway had checked the system and told him there was The case continues today.

Life for knife murders

A Dutchman who murdered Lymbery, QC, told Hillebrand doubt that in stressful circumhis estranged wife and her that he would have been stances he would continue to parents on a weekend trip to England was given three life ment even if the jury had sentences at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. Rene Hillebrand, aged 21,

grinned as he was found guilty of the murders. In the public this country or in The gallery, some relatives of the Netherlands. victims wept while others waved and clapped at the verdicts of the jury of five have a severe personality dis- mercy killings and that he women and seven men. Judge order", and said he had no hugged Dawn as she died.

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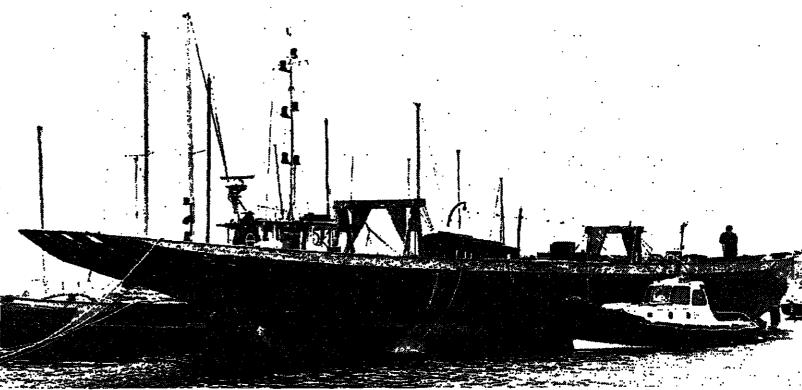
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sentenced to life imprisonfound him guilty of manslaughter. He said it would be for the Home Secretary to decide whether Hillebrand should serve his sentence in

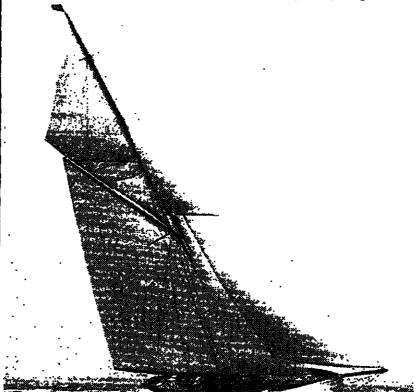
be a danger to the public. Hillebrand repeatedly

stabbed his 25-year-old wife, Dawn, and her parents, Alan and Margaret Sturgeon, in the kitchen of their detached bungalow in Whitehall Lane, Slade Green in south-east London, However, he claimed He told Hillebrand: "You that the final death stabs were

Electrician accused New life ahead for British racing legend



, Lulworth in her heyday off Cowes in 1930; above, being towed from Hamble Yard for restoration at Gosport at the start of a new life



'Freak' yacht saved from anonymity on a mud bank

Lulworth, the world's biggest gaff cutter, was last weekend floated off the mud berth on which she has languished for the past three years to prepare for a new lease of life. She will undergo a two-year refit at the Gosport yard of Camper and Nicholson before heading to a life of private cruising in the Mediterranean and Caribbean for foreign owners.

The 120-foot racing yacht, originally named Terpsichore, was built in 1920 for £30,000. Because of the post-war wood shortage, she was the first of her of her class to be litted with a steel mast and frame, although her planking was of mahogany. In ten years of competitive sailing, the yacht, renamed Lulworth, won 114 out of 210 starts, and was the only British racing yacht to beat the Americas Cup challenger Shamrock V.

Her legendary success inspired enthusiasts such as King George V and Sir Thomas Lipton, the tea magnate, to mount increasingly ambitious challenges and to make improvements to their own boats which were instrumental to the evolution of the J-class yachts. In 1937, she was retired by her owner, Carl Bendix, the chocolatier, and converted into a two-mast ketch.

Lulworth was damaged during the Second World War and, although repaired, never sailed again. In 1947, Mr Clement Locas, her new owner, even toyed with the idea of scrapping her hall and using her accommodation in the refurbishment of his other yacht. He was dissuaded, and his wife lived on the

refurbishment of his other yacht. He was dissuaded, and his whe lived on the boat, moored on the bank of the River Hamble, Hampshire, until 1987.

Renovation work is expected to take around two years, and will include replacing 40 per cent of her hull planking, and building a new 180-foot mast. Her interior mahogany panelling and silver fittings are in very good condition. "She's a monstrous freak," Mr William Collier, Camper and Nicholson's vintage yacht broker, said. "But they don't make them like that anymore, and I was determined to save her."

25p fine for Tube smoker 'derisory'

By Ray Clancy

The police and London Underground management yesterday magistrate to fine a man caught smoking on the Tube a "derisory 25p".

The fine imposed by Miss Audrey Jennings, a stipen-diary magistrate at Wells M Street court, was described as a "kick in the teeth" for staff trying to maintain high safety dards since 31 people died in the King's Cross fire in

November, 1987. The controversial fine was imposed on Mr Noel Daly, aged 30, of Tooting, south London, on Tuesday. He was fined in his absence, under the London Underground by-law 20 which states that smoking is prohibited.

Mr Daly was arrested last April at Baker Street station after a policeman saw him put a cigarette behind his back. According to London Underground figures, more than 100 people have been convicted in the past two years of illegal smoking and faced fines rang-ing from £10 to £100, the maximum is £200.

"This 25p fine is extremely derisory. It is a kick in the teeth for our staff who are working extremely hard to uphold the law. It is undermining their efforts at a time when they are under particular pressure to maintain standards." Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director of London Under-

ground, said. Inspector John Bryant, of British Transport Police, said there was nothing to stop magistrates imposing "such derisory, disgusting and to-tally irresponsible fines". "We cannot appeal against this conviction because the defendant was charged under a bylaw and therefore does not have a criminal conviction.

The fine really is a joke." Mr Daly was reported to have said it was a friend who was smoking and that he was arrested after refusing police instructions to stay on the

Miss Jennings said she was not able to discuss the case. The Crown Presecution Service, which brought the prosecution after the case was handed over by British Transport Police, also refused to

 London Regional Transport yesterday agreed to judgement being entered against it on the issue of liability in the cases of one victim and a seriously injured survivor of the King's Cross fire.

The amount of damages to be paid to Mr Ron Lipsius, aged 32, a musician, and the family of Mr John St Prix, who died in the fire, will be decided at a later date, a private hearing in the High Court was told. Unknown virus family believed to cause 'mad cow' diseases

Possible BSE human link 'must be answered'

brain disease in humans and two similar infections in cattle and sheep must be investigated thoroughly, specialists said yesterday.

The scientists believe that in spite of the Government's attitude that there is no evibovine spongiform encephalo-pathy (BSE), or "mad cow" research programme into BSE disease, a "guilty until proven innocent" approach should be adopted by researchers.

The triangle of incurable disorders is made up of BSE, scrapie in sheep and Creutzfeld-Jacob disease, which af-

The Government tried yesterday to persuade Brussels to lift the German ban on British beef because of "mad cow" disease as British scientists launched a ted that the conditions are the brussels in recognized.

Dr Hugh Fraser, one of the conditions are the cond £12 million investigation. Thomson Prentice and Pearce Wright report.

to cause all three.

after an expert report urged of the disease.

An editorial in the scientific iournal Nature today wel-"chilling" question of whether fects one person in a million in humans are at risk by consum-

Britain. A family of viruses, ing meat from infected cattle defence. What is to be made of yet to be identified, is believed must be answered. Specialists an infectious agent yet to be and BSE are being investiin human and veterinary characterized." medicine expressed similar

investigations into the origins the evidently infectious or- Creutzfeld-Jacob disease, BSE It is bad enough . . . that there afer infection. comes the funding but says the should be viruses, such as that responsible for Aids, to which November 1986 after cattle there is a link with BSE, an in-

Some parallels with Aids

can be drawn because it is Nature says: "The question caused by a virus with a is the more chilling because latency of up to 15 years. ganisms responsible for scra- and scrapie are brain conpie and BSE are still obscure. ditions which progress slowly

BSE was only discovered in

caused by the same infective agent. Similarities between scrapie, which affects 30 per cent of sheep flocks in Britain. gated by a neuropathogenesis unit at the Institute of Animal

researchers, said yesterday: "I believe the risk is remote but it

sue from sheep infected with apparent some years after the

equivalent cause has been found in scrapie or BSE." • A report prepared for the There have been no more European Community veteri-

than about 50 cases a year of nary committee, which inc-Creutzfeld-Jacob disease since ludes West German speciait was diagnosed in 1920. Sci- lists, claims that BSE is not a entists are trying to find whe- danger to public health. Mr ther there has been a change in Keith Meldrum, head of Britincidence in recent years. If ain's veterinary service, said there was no justification for there is as yet no certain were fed meal containing tis- crease in CJD should become the West German ban.

Dr Hugh Fraser, one of the

The winner of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was Mrs Janet Henderson, of St Andrews, is necessary to anticipate the worst scenario. In Aids, HIV Fife. Scotland. is known to be the cause. No Mrs Henderson said she had been day-dreaming about holidays in the sun

after her "fantastic luck", but decided to use the money to develop her new busine She opened "Practical Pressies" in Perth nine months ago. The shop sells a variety of aids for the disabled, including left-handed scissors and large-button

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Now Mrs Henderson will be able to expand her stock. There is a buyers' fair coming up in Birmingkam at the beginning of February," she said.



Kidney seller is not a criminal, professor says

It was not criminal to accept payment for donating a kidney, a former professor of medicine told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing yesterday.

Professor Geoffrey Thomas, who held the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology at Madras University in India, said in a statement that the donor "has for sale what another person not only desires but actually needs". The patient can afford to pay for the kidney - indeed he can pay the surgeon and the hospital and does so however he obtains the kidney, either by paying from his

own pocket or through the National Health Service through his taxes."It is no crime to need money and it is no crime to raise it by selling what one has to offer."

His statement was read by Professor Geoffrey Alderman, professor of politics and contemporary history at Holloway and Bedford College, London University. He was giving evidence in defence of Dr Raymond Crockett, one of three doctors charged with serious professional misconduct in relation to the alleged sale of kidneys for transplant. The other two are Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon, and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist. Professor Alderman produced a statement, which he said had been sent to him after a letter of his appeared in The Times on February 4 last year. The statement, by Professor Thomas, was accepted as evidence by the GMC's professional conduct

committee. In his statement, made before legislation outlawing the sale of human organs was passed last year, Professor Thomas said that a man accepting a fee for his kidney should not be branded as a criminal. "Talk of morals in this context is inappropriate. Is the surgeon the worse off for removing the kidney of a healthy man?." Professor Thomas asks.

"Personally I should not care to do it, but nobody condemns vasectomy performed for the sake of

Professor Alderman told the hearing yesterday that in his view no monetary value could be placed on a kidney. The giving of a kidney was itself an act of altruism, regardless of whether any money changed hands.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for Dr Crockett, said the hearing had been told earlier of a clinic in India where a donor was paid a so-called "salatium", usually £1,000. "Would you see any objection to that being done in India?" he asked Professor Alderman. "None at all," Professor

objection to a similar practice in Britain in cases where a kidney might not be readily available? No was the answer.

Professor Alderman said he saw nothing unethical if a poor person chose to better his position by making an organ available to a rich

Earlier, Dr Mohammed Kutoubi told the bearing that Mr Ahmet Koc, a Turkish donor who claimed that his kidney was removed without his knowledge or consent had in fact received a full explanation before the operation.

Mrs Henderson: Money to help her business.

Thatcher's beat



Mr Denis Thatcher sports a police motorcyclist's helmet in Bristol yesterday to promote the Crime Stoppers campaign. more television channels, plan yesterday as the company

Call for legislation opposed

Cross-ownership of media 'no threat to competition'

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Ownership of satellite tele- many with small audiences, announced it would be vision channels by a news- the fact that a newspaper providing hourly news bul-

Dr Cento Veljanovski, reof the Institute of Economic News International in its camfirst comprehensive study of the fast-expanding British media industry. The book was launched yesterday by News International, which includes among its subsidiaries Times Newspapers (publisher of The Times and The Sunday Times) and Sky Television.

British Satellite Broadcasting, which is due to launch five satellite channels in the Newspaper companies are not and current affairs station. allowed to own ITV stations. In his book Dr Veljanovski

paper proprietor poses no proporietor has a controlling threat to media diversity or interest in several satellite competition, according to a channels does not pose a real book by a leading free-market threat to diversity or to competition". Although his views are simisearch and editorial director lar to those advocated by

Affairs, gives that view in The paign to fight off further Media in Britain Today, the restrictions on ownership in more than one medium, Dr Veljanovski says he had a free brief when writing the book. "I would not have put my name to anything that did not reflect my views of the in-

> come up with conclusions comfortable to anyone," he said yesterday. The Media in Britain Today (Collins, £25).

dustry. I don't think I have

International from being all- three new national radio franowed to own Sky's four chan- chises and provide the first Sunrise Radio in west London nels as well as newspapers. commercial nationwide news

spring, has been leading calls • Independent Television for legislation to prevent News News is to bid for one of the eral of the new stations.

Sir David Nicholas, chairman and chief executive of says "where there are 50 or ITN, confirmed the business

providing hourly news bulletins to some of the recently franchised "new wave" local radio stations. The franchise for the first

new national station is expected to be advertised by the Radio Authority carly next year and broadcasting could begin within months. Sir David said ITN was still

waiting to hear if ownership restrictions would prevent the company from bidding for complete ownership of a national radio station. The Independent Broadcasting Authority indicated last night there would be no difficulties.

ITN Radio News, meanwhile, is hiring eight radio journalists to provide hourly bulletins and half-hourly highlights from March 4 for sev-WNK in north London.

and Bradford City Radio have signed contracts, while Harmony (Coventry), FTP (Bristol) and Choice (south London) have made firm commitments to take news.



£38,940 at Sotheby's Chester. Many had been acquired by members of the family firm

pose safety risk to pupils, survey says

according to a report from the schools' inspectors published yesterday.

An inspection of 16 secondary schools in the South-west and the North of England in 1988 and 1989 found that the "maintenance of work areas on school sites was unsatisfactory in several ways".

The inspectors report: "Deficiencies ranged from fundamental problems such as badly drained playing fields and a buckled gymnasium floor to the potential safety hazards of broken stop (chain link) fencing and poorly prepared jumping pits."

Changing rooms were "sometimes dowdy and unwelcoming places". Cleaning was generally satisfactory but teachers sometimes carried out extra cleaning them-selves, particularly if the facilities were heavily used outside normal working

The report says that good conditions helped to maintain good teaching standards.
"Where conditions were favourable with well-maintained and clean work areas the teaching and learning were considerably enhanced.

Many school gymnasiums and "Despite the constraints of 36 per cent were satisfactory playing fields are badly main- poor maintenance and de- and a futher 18 per cent fell tained and could even mands being made on indoor short of a desirable standard. threaten the safety of publis, accommodation for examinations and school productions, the facilities were being used effectively."

The inspectors say that teachers sometimes had to find extra space for themselves. One disused space, for example, was converted into an area for fitness training while at another school cupboards were built to increase the storage capacity of a sports

The report also says that and girls playing competitive sports together. Mixed classes were run successfully in some schools "with pupils showing maturity during co-operative group activitie

They add: "High quality competition was also demonstrated in basketball and hockey. Where skill is the determining factor and where preparation has been equally rigorous for both sexes, mixed competitions are a realistic The schools were chosen to

"exemplify" good practice but standards in all respects. Of the 143 lessons observed, 46 per cent were judged to be very good with some out-Teachers, however, made standing features or good with Governors at a school who suspended two Muslim girls for wearing traditional headscarves last night binted at a compromise to defuse the growing controversy over their decision (Douglas Broom writes).

Fatima Alvi, aged 15, and her sister Aisha, aged 14, have been suspended from Altrincham Girls Grammar School, Trafford, Greater Manchester, since the start of term for refusing to remove their Islamic headgear.

The school has said the headscarves are a safety hazard and banned by school uniform rules. The girls' father, Dr Abdur

Rab Alvi, a consultant opth-

almologist, says the scarves are required by their religion. He has lodged a formal complaint with the Commission for Racial Equality. Mr Roy Godwin, deputy chairman of Trafford Borough Council and a governor at the school, said that the governing

body would reconsider its

decision at a meeting next

A Survey of Work in Physical Education in 16 Secondary Schools (Department of Edu-cation and Science, Honey Pot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex

School play fields | Pupils discover a taste for enterprise

Small businesses are about to spring up all over the country as primary school children launch commercial enterprises (David Tytler writes).

announced yesterday by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to encourage children as young as five to set up their anies as part of the National Curricula

The Primary School Project has been successfully run by Durham University Business School in Gateshead and Co Durham with £200,000 from Marks & Spencer and will be evailable to schools throughout England and Wales. Pupils aged five to 11 will

books to learn how to draw up a business plan, borrow money from banks to fund their ideas. carry out market research among potential customers, create the best image for products or services, and mar-ket and sell at the right price.

The organizers emphasize that schemes do not necessarily have to make a profit and point to green enterprises such as designing and developing a nature reserve or setting up a school recycling plant, or charitable projects, inch red-nose day for Comic Relief. A class of nine-year-olds at Bill Quay school, Gateshead,

raised £40 and started its own company, Classy Catering. The children opened a school buffet lunch for the Mayor of Gateshead and 24 guests. About £250 passed through the account and a final profit of £50 was made. Most will be spent on a planetarium visit.

fairly easy to make. The children did surveys among Children at Birtley East their friends to find out what nary school, near Gateshead, raised a £40 bank loan, was the most popular sweet,

set up a school sweet factory then found out what ingredieats they needed and bought them in bulk at the local cash-

> He said the project had proved the children's confidence. The tack shop is still ranning, but is now selling as many apples as sweets.

and-carry."

Mr MacGregor said the scheme would help to enhance the growing links between schools and industry. He said: "If education fails to prepare

pupils for the world outside school it would be a flawed education and it is never too ate to start that preparation."

A survey by his department wed that 90 per cent of secondary schools and more than 50 per cent of primary schools had links with local s. He sald it also had experience of industry:

of links with local schools are to attract the young people they will need in an increasingly competitive future, it will help them enormously if they are positively regarded in the local community, and known

Nicholas Hytner in a renewal

of the partnership which won

critical acclaim in 1988 with

The Tempest. Other new

Shakespeare productions are

Much Ado About Nothing, The

Comedy of Errors, Love's Labour's Lost, Richard II, and

The latter brings one of the

most successful young direc-

tors to the company. At 23,

Sam Mendes already has two

plays running in the West

End, The Cherry Orchard and

There will also be four transfers of Shakespeare pro-

Stratford with All's Well That

Ends Well, As You Like It.

tions of Marlowe's Edward II,

which marks the directing

debut of the actor Gerard

Murphy, and a new Richard

Nelson play, Two Shakespear-

ean Actors, about the rivalry

between two Victorian actors

William Charles Macready

and Edwin Forrest, whose

simultaneous performances of

Macheth in New York in 1849

ended in a riot with 30 deaths.

• The Arts Council is hoping

the playwright Vaclav Havel

the new President of Czecho-

slovakia, will take part in its

There are to be new produc-

Coriolanus and Pericles

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London Assurance.



Penny-wise: Children from Birtley East primary school sample their toffee at the national launch of the enterprise project.

Medical complaint hearings

Ban on paid lawyers a 'farce'

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In March, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and his

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two of them.

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

hearing of complaints about tribunals, there is normally no doctors, dentists and other medical practitioners such as representative, the council opticians is a "farce", the Council on Tribunals says in its annual report published

The council says that because of the ban, such proceedings are "unsatisfactory and artificial". In its report for 1988-89, it calls for the ban to be lifted and for free legal representation to be extended to complainants who cannot

The council has sought for some time to persuade the Government that change is needed in the complaints procedures for medical practitioners.

restriction on who can act as a says. Paid lawyers are banned from appearing before the service committees of the family practitioner committees, which deal with complaints about medical practitioners.

This puts complainants at a disadvantage, compared with doctors, it says, Doctors, who are typically more articulate than complainants, usually have expert assistance at hearings while quite often the complainants have none.

The report says: "It should not be necessary or possible to perpetuate the present farce in which a party is prompted

The ban on paid lawyers at the sufficient impact. In other unsatisfactory and artificial proceeding which... is capable of causing audible distraction when the parties are seated at a conference table within a few feet of each other."

Proceedings would be improved greatly if service committees had independent and legally qualified chairmen. This would help the efficient running of hearings and help ensure committees were perceived as independent, it says.

The council also says that complaints take too long to process. After the hearings, the family practitioner committees take too long to reach a decision. Up to nine months may elapse from the initial complaint to a recommendation made after a service take another six weeks for a decision by the family practitioner committee.

The council calls on the Government to take a fresh look at the complaints procedure. Even with changes proposed by the Government, the procedure will still be weighted too greatly in favour of the practitioner, it says.

The council also calls for improvements in procedures for traffic commissioners, who license public service and goods vehicles. There are inconsistencies in the way they are appointed, it says. Qualifications are imprecise, vet deputy traffic commissioners alone have a legal background. Council on Tribunals' Annual Report for 1988-89 (Stationery Office, Cm 113; £7.90)

Women doctors try self defence

and opened a tuck shop. Mr

teacher, said a traditional north-eastern delicacy proved

to be the pupils' choice, "Cin-

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Women doctors training to be olent patients and rapists.

The British Medical Association attempted to tackle the problem of violence against doctors last year when, with the Association of Chief Police Officers, it issued a set of guidelines to protect GPs and their staff from violence. It came in response to disturbing signs of increasing violence against family doctors. A survey by the Cambridge

shire Family Practitioner Committee showed that 40 per cent of GPs had experienced violence and another in Birmingham showed that 91 per cent suffered verbal abuse. The self-defence course was designed to show that GPs do

suddenly became violent.

Dr Rachel Lambert traince from Surrey, said she successfully diffused a potentially violent situation while visiting a mentally ill male patient in his remote caravan. She said: "I coped with it and managed to avoid physical violence by talking him out of it"

By Mark Souster

general practioners have taken a self-defence course to protect themselves on house calls. They are worned about possible attacks, particularly at night, from drug addicts, vi-

During the two-day course, held last weekend, the women were taught basic martial arts techniques. It was organized by Dr Barbara Wesby, a GP trainee based in London, after two male doctors were attacked while on calls.

Dr Wesby, aged 40, editor of the Women in Medicine newsletter, said: "I suddenly thought about how I would cope on a dark, seedy estate at night. GPs now seem to be concerned about self-defence they are certainly concerned about going out on night

the woods vet".

not have to be Olympic standard sprinters or karate black belts to defend themselves against the unexpected. Dr Wesby is one of several of the self-defence enthusiasts who admit they have been faced with a patient who

£2.5m theatre deficit forecast **RSC** cuts productions and sheds 60 actors

pany is presenting its thinnest season since the 1970s with reduced by a third. There will be only 19

productions this year, compared with 27 last year and 32 in 1988. The company's accu- £1 million a year. mulated deficit, to be an-nounced in March, is likely to be £2.5 million. Only four theatres are to be

An experiment of giving started killing each other. actors six-month contracts to allow them more time for co-director of Les Miserables, doned at their request. This Stephen Schwartz, who creyear, however, there will be only 65 actors at each of the RSC's venues, London and Stratford-upon-Avon, com-

pared with 90 in Stratford and 100 in London last year. Mr Hands said that 12 per cent extra funding for arts won from the Treasury by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, and the 11 per cent increase allocated to the company by the Arts Council had loosened the grip of financial crisis, "but we are not out of

He said the increase in real terms for 1990 was 3.3 per cent, or £179,000, the cost of one big new production.

"If this increased funding is the beginning of a new life in the arts, then it's wonderful. If it's just a one-off, we'll be back



not out of the woods yet." per cent more for the arts.

The Royal Shakespeare Com- cope with these deficits." ford. In King Lear, John Wood is to be directed by

Hopes are being pinned on a new musical with an ecologifewer plays and a company cal theme, which aims to repeat the phenomenal success of another musical adventure for the RSC, Les Misérables, which is earning it

The company is meeting half the £700,000 cost of Children of Eden, a co-production at the Barbican for next used for the second year in Christmas. "It's a 'green' succession, compared with six show," Mr Hands said. "It's in 1987, Mr Terry Hands, ar-tistic director, said yesterday. and in a time before people

The director is John Caird. ated Godspell, the awardwinning musical.

There is also to be a new version of Lionel Bart's 1970s. musical Blitz, based on the original music and lyrics but with a new book by Tony Marchant. The production, part of the Barbican repertoire from September, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Blitz in which the buildings on the Barbican site were destroyed. Another successful RSC

musical, Les Liaisons Dangéreuses, is to have a UK and international tour this year, while remaining in production in the West End. The classics will play a

predominant role in the slimmed down programme. There are to be six new Shakespeare productions at the main RSC house in Strat-



conference Arts Without Frontiers in March. Clandestine approaches through literary circles and his underground network were made before the collapse of the Communist regime, but with little success. The Arts Council said: "We have been able to make a formal invitation now, and it is being considered.

The three-day conference. to be held in Glasgow, European City of Culture for 1990, will examine the implications of the single European market on the arts.

Others taking part include Miss Melina Mercouri, the actress and former Greek arts minister, Lord Carrington, former Foreign Secretary, and Sir Richard Attenborough the

Fabergé egg could fetch £1m

elled Easter egg by Faberge, the Russian imperial jeweller, is expected to raise up to \$1.5 million (about £1 million) at Christie's New York at Easter.

Attracted on to the market by the world record price of £1.87 million for a similar egg at Christie's Geneva last May, it will be sold on April 19. It has been in a private American collection since 1928.

Originally commissioned for his wife by Aleksandr Ferdinandovich Kelch, the industrialist and goldm entrepreneur who was Fabergé's most frequent patron after the Russian royal family, the egg was one of a series of exquisite toys ordered daring the late 1890s and early 1900s as Faster gifts.

Called the "Bonbonnière egg", it has 12 panels containing trophies signifying love,

SALEROOM By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

complete with its original velvet-lined case, which bears the imperial warrant of Fabergé. It opens to reveal an agate panied by St Lucy", by ox containing another min- Annibale Caracci, made its box containing another min-

This will be the second Kelch egg to be auctioned in a year, in Geneva last May the "Pine-Cone" egg broke all records at SF5.28 million (£1.87 million) for a Russian work of art. Of the seven Kelch eggs, one is owned by the een, two by the Forbes

• A significant Old Master painting which caused amazement when its valuation rose 200,000 times in 1986 was

Magazine collection and four

by American collectors

four months before an export ban was due to end. "The Holy Family accom-

first appearance at a Sotheby's valuation day at Bournemouth in the summer of 1986. The expert told the owner that in his opinion it was worth £400. It was consigned to Phillips, which initially catalogued it as "attributed to Sisto Badaloccio", but resttributed it to

the great 16th-century Bolognese painter Caracci a week fore the sale, estimating it at £200,000. It fetched £847,000. The American dealer Mr Richard Feigen sold it to a collector in the US for £2.2

was put under a six-month advice of Mr Neil MacGregor, director of the National

Because no national muse ums had made any efforts to match the sum within two months, the painting went abroad last November. As the main London suction

rooms continued their Christmas holidays yesterday, a collection of fruitwood moulds of cornices, ceiling roses and dado rails, used by a Lancashire company for the past 80 years in the manufacture of reproduction mirrors and furture, fetched a total of

from a London furniture factory bombed during the Blitz. Fourteen lots went to a million. Last July, while this single telephone buyer.

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drive aims to alter 'illiberal' ethos

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspo

changing "illiberal and in-flexible" management attiundes was launched by the Royal College of Nursing yesterday.

public sectors, aims at defusng the "demographic time bomb" of a decline in school leavers, who now account for more than 30 per cent of

nursing recruits. "In all the discussions going on about the health service I am amazed how little reference is made to the des-South-east and the impending ning shortage that will affect the whole country," Miss Christine Hancock, the college's general secretary, said. "Unless we take action now, the effects on staffing

will be disastrous." The project includes an be encouraged to return, Open College television particularly if flexible or partcourse starting next summer to update the skills of wouldbe returners, to which the Department of Health is the Department of Health as a

A campaign to attract 85,000 will be targeted on managers entering nursing for the first former nurses back to work by to convince them of the need

to attract mature nurses back.
The college is holding a
series of roadshows over the Royal College of Nursing coming months to provide a yesterday.

The project, backed by cash from both the private and staffing difficulties and draw up local strategies.

> backed by four "trigger" videos, which portray examples of intransigent, traditional attitudes from managers and other health service staff.

"There is a major problem of resentful attitudes both in management and in existing perate current shortage of nursing staff if there is an ourses in London and the attempt to recruit back partsaid. "The project sets out to alter a management ethos, which at its illiberal and inflexible worst is a positive deterrent to nurses returning."

Miss Hancock said that an be encouraged to return, over four years. time work was offered. Last year the college criticized a recruitment campaign held by contributing £100,000. However, initially the campaign targeted at young people

time. Last night, Mrs Anne Poole, chief nursing officer at the Department of Health, backed the new initiative.

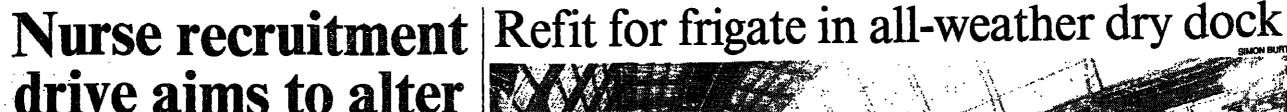
The department's campaign to recruit new people had been successful, but it was also imperative to attract back to nursing those who had pre-The roadshows will be viously worked in the profession, she said.

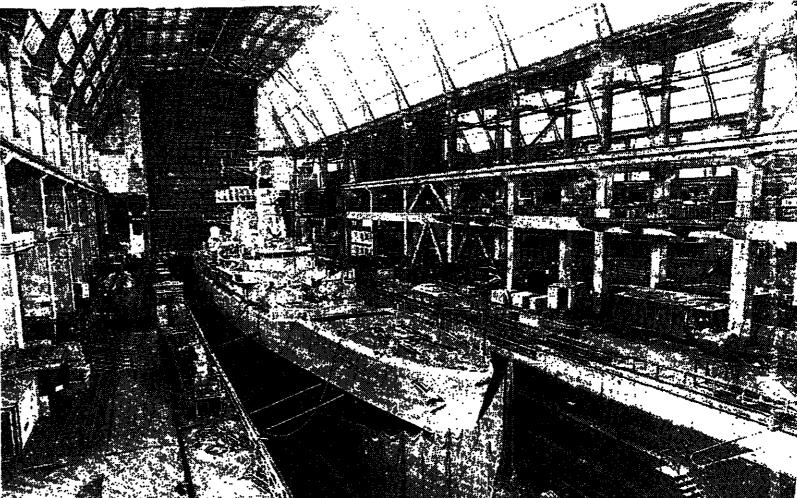
Under the Open College course would-be returners can choose their time to study and where they wish to do clinical practice. The course, backed by videos and workbooks, involves 150 hours' study time, of which 75 should be spent on supervised clinical Statistics from the college

entrants to nursing is already declining as those entering training has dropped. In 1988-89 there were 27,868 new estimated 85,000 nurses could recruits, a fall of 20 per cent An estimated 30,000 nurses

show that the number of

leave the NHS every year most of them for career breaks rather than other employment. There are now more qualified nurses outside the





HMS Danae, the 2,600-tonne Leander class frigate, edergoing a refit in the covered complex operated by Devonport Management Ltd., which won a sevenyear contract to manage the Royal Navy dockyard there in 1987. The complex contains three parallel dry docks, each big enough to hold the Navy's new

metres long (Libby Jukes writes). Danae, 113 g and 12.5 metres wide, was completed in 1967. The Leander class was then the big built for the Navy since the Second World War. Powered by two sets of steam turbine engines

generating 30,000 shaft borse power, she is capable of more than 30 knots. Danae normally carries a crew of 230. Her equipment includes a Lynx helicopter, Exocet and Seacat missile systems and anti-submarine torpedoes. The Ministry of Defence said the refit was expected to take 14 months.

Countryside development

Housing land glut is claimed

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The curse of development empowering them to delay the hangs over more areas of identification of land for dev-English countryside than is elopment. In addition, it necessary because of an over- wants then to control the rate supply of land for housing, the at which it is developed, and Council for the Protection of to refuse planning permission, Rural England claims today. even on allocated sites in

the Government's draft guidance on housing planning policy published last October, says in a report that the necessary and desirable and allocation of land for housing development above the levels perced in official plans is a key threat to countryside protection; yet the Government's ment's guidance should be to guidance "is written as if there achieve the necessary devwere land shortages".

planning officer, said the draft guidance was wrong in emphasizing that local authorities should not create shortages of housing land.

"There is clear evidence that developers' fears on this front are unfounded. CPRE's analysis shows that the real problem lies in too much land being allocated, not too little."

He welcomed the Government's recent expressions of support for the planning system, but said that to defuse the public controversy over housing development in the countryside local authorities must be able to keep development within agreed guidelines.

"They must be given the confidence and ability to control the rate of release of land for development, to ensure their homes by providing that agreed building levels are more home comforts. that agreed building levels are not overshot."

ernment to give detailed ad- and Grimethorpe, areas where vice to local authorities, there are 6,000 old houses.

The council, responding to sensitive areas subject to high

It accepts that some new housing development is both agrees that greenfield sites will play a part in satisfying requirements, but argues that the objective of the Governelopment with minimum Explaining the threat, Mr damage to the countryside and Burton, the council's maximum advantage to the localities concerned.

The County Planning Officers' Society has said there is a substantial surplus of land identified for housing in the next five years.

● The elderly are being of-fered grants of £1,000 to spruce up their homes under a new scheme aimed at persuading them to "stay put".

They will also be given special help in deciding what work needs to be done, choosing a good builder, and support during and after the building work.

The idea behind the pilot scheme being run by Sheffield City Council in partnership with the Yorkshire Metropolitan Housing Association, is to encourage old people to keep

The scheme is to be laun-The council wants the Gov- ched in the city's Burngreave

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Spitfire's engine failed before crash

By Ray Clancy

Mr Charles Church, who died Dougan, a British Airways when his restored Spitfire aircraft engineer who lived crashed into a field, fought to near the crash scene, said he keep control of the aircraft as it suffered engine failure, an inquest heard yesterday.

He made two mayday calls and requested an emergency landing at nearby Biackbushe airfield, but the plane plumis sounded really rough. The into flames. Mr Church, aged 46, a millionaire property developer, of Micheldever, Hampshire, died from multiple injuries. His body was so badly burnt that it had to be identified from dental records.

Evewitnesses told the inquest, at Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, that the engine sound was odd just before the crash last July. Mr David



Mr Church: Body was badly

had heard the Spitfire earlier in the day as it was being flown to Dunsfold airshow. "When I first heard the plane go over my garden, the engine sounded beautiful, but when I heard it in the evening

engine noise was faltering catching, falling and then catching. When you hear that noise you know something is Another eyewitness, Mr Arnold Jones, said he heard the plane's propeller stop. "The

pilot banked violently to the left and went out of view. Then I saw a pall of black smoke," he told the inquest. Mr Richard Melton, the

chief engineer for Charles Church Spitfires, said the recently restored mark 5 Spitfire had been air-tested by two RAF pilots, one of whom had flown the plane that morning. However, Mr Smart Cull-

ing, a senior air accidents inspector, told the inquest the plane had suffered crankshift failure. It had not been possible to determine if the stress began before or after the last engine overhaul. verdict of accidental

death was recorded.

THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

eta Popescu, the headm

Today the party unites us,

Scores of portraits of the

dictator have been removed.

along with the Communist

propaganda posters contain-ing falsified production figures

and other mythical statistics,

far removed from Romania's

get new books, so we are just

tearing out all the awful

portraits of him which had to

appear by law in the front of

every book. Some of the

history books and Romanian

language texts containing his

words, we are throwing away

altogether," Mrs Popescu ex-

portrait dominated the en-

trance hall there is now a large

victory sign and a framed page of a paper printed in the early

days of the uprising, showing

much of the human carnage. "That is why we mourn," is

Where Ceausescu's huge

"There has been no time to

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The people of Bucharest have expressed overwhelming supmeagre 3 per cent of support port for the summary trial and in the poll, may well rebound execution of the Ceausescus and massive opposition to the continued existence of the Communist Party in the first opinion poll carried out since the Romanian revolution.

By contrast, the military gained almost total support and Romanian television's outstanding performance during the crucial days of fighting was rewarded with a huge vote

The poll was carried out in the streets of the capital about a week ago by the French organization BVA, using Ro-While the opinions it re-

flects do not take account of the turbulent events in Bucharest over the past few days, the strength of feeling on vital issues among those ques-tioned undoubtedly provides what BVA describes as a valid photograph of the state of

As the organizers note, 'don't knows" were virtually absent. The unanimity of views about the Army, trusted by 97 per cent, and the reformed state television service, favourably rated by 89 per cent, is considered particularly impressive.

The prospects for a return of the monarchy in Romania, take a considerable knock. Only 30 per cent of respondents had a good opinion of the former King Michael, most of them supporters of the National Peasants' Party, and the largest single group in the over-65 age bracket.

Among young people, by contrast, the proportion of critics of the former monarch approached 50 per cent, with hostility particularly evident

With almost 84 per cent of those questioned unhesitatingly in favour of the execution of Nikolai and Elena Ceausescu, the interim government's decision to think again about abolition of the death penalty makes good sense politically. On the other hand, the bitter hostility towards the

go ahead with the planned referendum on whether the party should be banned While arguments continue about the precise origins of the rebellion against the Ceausescu regime, 90 per cent of those questioned in Bucharest told

against the authorities if they

polisters they were convinced that it was a spontaneous popular uprising, against some 8 per cent opting for the theory of a pre-planned coup. Even so, almost two thirds respondents claimed to

Bucharest (Reuter) - The mother of Elena Ceausescu. Romania's executed former first lady, died on Tuesday aged 163. The state proscutor's office said Alexandra Petrescu died in a Bucharest hospital where she had been receiving treatment in the tensive care unit.

have had some presentiment of what was coming well before the explosion.

With the actions of the ruling National Salvation Front now attracting sharp criticism in some quarters, the 87 per cent approval rating it secured at the time of the poll has presumably been reduced, perhaps significantly. However, with enthusiastic support for the party spread fairly evenly across age groups and people in widely differing jobs, its power base still looks enough. Communists apart, the lowest confidence rating of 45 per cent was allocated to "other political

In the personal popularity stakes, President Iliescu and the Prime Minister, Mr Petre Roman, shared top place with per cent support. Mr Dumitru Mazilu, the vicechairman, came next with well over 80 per cent, and General Nicolae Militaru, the defence minister, squeezed into third place on 78 per cent, alongside the much respected former dissident Mr Doina Cornea.



Professor Richard Crampton, ex-pert in East European History at the University of Kent in Canterbury, with a large collection of books

particularly grim photograph of the dead.

Teachers' working hours have been cut from 24 to 18

hours a week and large sec-

tions of the modern history

syllabus removed. The course

on Romania's constitution

has been abolished and re-

placed by one called "Democracy".

ferent. At last we feel free to

look each other in the face and

know we will be teaching the

truth, not lies," said Miss Florescu Mihala, a physics

teacher who has spent the

Christmas vacation replacing

the propaganda on her class-

"The atmosphere is so dif-

the caption written across one room walls with portraits of

donated for dispatch to Romania. After seeing pictures of the Bu-charest University library engulied

g, British academics have joined forces to replace the books that were destroyed. An appeal in

That led to a vicious underground whispering campaign about his alleged deformities,

> shire who watched the trantelevision (Christopher Walker writes).

the children can see how their contemporaries in the West were affected by what hap-pened," said Mrs Margaret Abbey, a Berkshire teacher, "I

Pupils show concern

Bucharest - A touching example of British solidarity with be struck up through the the Romanians is the pile of letters which will eventually letters written to Romanian lead to an exchange of visits now that Romanians are free schoolchildren by pupils from three primary schools in Berk-Among the letters is one matic events of December on from a pupil, aged eight, at Sonning Common Primary School. "Hello. My name is

"I am handing the letters to a school in Bucharest so that Nicholas," he wrote. "I expect you are glad that Mr and Mrs Ceanseson are dead. I hope you are well after the fighting. My favourite sport is hockey, but I play football and cricket.

I have light brown hair ..."

Grime and a gassy green drink on The Lithuania

Letter from Moscow

coaches long, glides majestically out of an ornate green and white station in central Moscow which has been restored to Tsarist glory, and passengers settle down for the leisurely journey to Vilnius.

elegant platform roots the spirit of Anna Karenina lives on Smart ladies in fur hats. army officers in greatcoats and braid, businessmen and visitors to the capital bustle aboard or linger with groups of friends to wave goodbye. An acrid smell hangs over the station as black smoke billows from the little chimneys all along the train, where in every coach coal-fired samovars are glowing and

coaches are tall. Uniformed attendants, most of them women, wait outside to inspect your ticket. In winter the warmth is luxurious after the bitter frost outside. On the floor of the wide corridor, a drugget keeps the patterned carpet clean. In first — or "soft" — class, passengers enjoy the comfort of a big two-berth compartment, complete with feather pillows and a thick blanket that fits inside the special top sheet. In "hard" class they are more cramped in four berths.

The Lithuania is one of Russia's proudest named trains, harking back to the days when overnight sleeper was the normal way to travel. Even 10 years ago, an attendant would take your dinner order and bring the meal to your compartment. The ride was smooth, the glearning steel and Formica coaches were spotless - except for the toilets, the letdown of all Soviet institutions. There was a snug feeling as you gazed through the double windows at the chill white expanses of snow, the wooden villages and dense birch forests beyond the city suburbs. A glass of tea in a metal holder was always available from the samovar, and biscuits were provided in the soft-class

compartment have vanished. Now you must brave your way down 10 coaches, over connecting plates so precarious that the unwary could fall through, jostle past groups of smokers clustered around the toilets and take your luck in the restaurant. That, too, has seen better days: the food is passable, the cutlery seemingly made of aluminium and the beer and cognac that used to enliven things has been replaced with a sweet, greenish gassy drink - "because we used to have 100 many drunks," the attendant explained.

at a steady 50 mph. Nowadays even that seems dangerous. The track is so deformed that violent crashes regularly jerk the carriage sideways and passengers are thrown almost out of their berths. Pravda recently revealed that repairmen were selling wooden sleepers and other equipment on the black market,

leaving huge stretches of the 89,000-mile system in ruins. The strong, seasoned sleepers command high prices from people building weekend dachas; even rails are being sold off, Most passengers, as in the West, now

with bigger issues — the future of their republic, the moves to independence and the

reaction of President Gorbachov, Nobody

minds talking to foreigners any more.

n the old days, a railway journey was a secret way of finding out what Russians really thought, as those sharing compartments with foreigners - usually due to an oversight by Intourist - would open up over glasses of cognac in the sure knowledge they would never meet their fellow passengers again. Nowadays you are lucky if you can get through without a complete history of Communist mismanagement, Soviet repression, the fate of ethnic minorities and predictions that perestroika will all end in tears and chaos.

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Politics is the stuff of everyday debate - in the papers placed in racks for passengers' edification, on the radio blaring out along the corridors, and in every chance conversation. The decline of the Lithuania has been mirrored on The Latvia, The Belorussia and even the crack Red Arrow to Leningrad. Down south, the trains have long been dirtier and more erratic. Delays can last a day or more.

Sleepers command high prices from people building weekend dachas; even rails are being sold off 🥱

Trains to Armenia are in imminent danger of attack at present and those through Azerbaijan

It is a shame: trains are still the best way to see the Soviet Union. There is still the thrill of

arriving at the other end and seeing, on stepping out of the stifling heat, the coaches

speed trains on the main network. But a Soviet TGV is a long way off. Instead. Tass now issues warnings of delays lasting days, threeday queues at the booking office (a bribe is still the easiest way on to the Lithuania if you're in a hurry), summer holiday overcrowding on an Indian scale and crashes that suggest pilfering extends to more than just the sleepers and

Goods wagons of fruit and vegetables are regularly left at sidings for weeks until the entire consignments rot. Trains with slabs of concrete going in one direction pass trainloads

workers in the Odessa region stole all the locomotives from the Moldavian republic next door to help fulfil their transport plan more quickly, leaving every main in Moldavia without motive power.

Solidarity vows to purge apparatchiks

old kings, Steven the Great and Michael the Brave,

including flowers and quota-

"Every piece of Communist

thought control has been re-

moved, as has every reminder

of the terrible tyrant who

some of our own children

helped to overthrow," she

added, pointing proudly to the

empty space above her bat-

tered desk where the man-

datory classroom portrait of

Another teacher explained

that the first portraits of the

tyrant had been taken from

such an angle that he appeared

Ceausescu used to be.

to have only one ear.

yesterday announced a new offensive to purge the remnants of communist power in Poland, saying it had to speed up democratic change after "explosions of freedom" in neighbouring countries.

Mr Bronislaw Geremek, the Solidarity parliamentary leader, said communist "nomenklatura" office holders appointed for their party loyalty were obstructing reforms and stealing state property, and that it was time to purge them from the economy and state administration.

"The personnel set-up in the main structures of power has changed very little," he wrote in a keynote article in the government daily Rzeczpospolita. "The moment has come when it is indispensable

East Berlin (Reuter) - East

Germany's deputy Pros-ecutor-General has been dis-

missed for incompetence and

the head of the Supreme Court

has resigned, the official news

The Council of State dis-

missed Herr Harri Harrland.

the deputy prosecutor, for

"neglect in office" and provid-

ing poor information to par-

liamentary investigative bodies. It did not specify the

investigations, but they clearly

involved cases of corruption

and abuse of power by the

Herr Harrland's former su-

perior, Herr Guenter Wend-

land, resigned in December

after being accused by pro-

democracy reformers of drag-

deposed Stalinist leadership.

agency ADN said yesterday.

up history again."

days before the communists open a special congress at It also coincided with a

cies launched by the Solidarity-led Government on January I may be challenged by powerful sections of the workforce that traditionally

and possibly put to a referendum.

East Germany sacks

deputy prosecutor

He made the proposal 10

which they will dissolve and form a new left-wing party. miners' strike in southern Poland - the first sign that tough anti-inflationary poli-

support Solidarity. Mr Geremek proposed a busy political reform schedule for 1990, saying a democratic constitution planned for 1991 should be prepared this year

scores of ex-party bosses and

state officials. The agency also said that Herr Guenther Sarge,

the Supreme Court President.

submitted his resignation to

the Government this week

and would propose a successor

No reason was given for

Herr Sarge's departure. He

resigned a few days after the

appointment of a new justice

minister known to be keen to

set up an independent legal

apparatus untainted by links

lishment was a virtual appen-

dage of the communist party

for decades until Herr Erich

Honecker's resignation under

pressure from the party and

East Germany's legal estab-

with the Stalinist past.

the

(Parliament).

Volkskammer

local government bodies, which are scheduled for June, should be brought forward.

"It is precisely local council elections which can become a huge instrument in crushing

Peking (Reuter) - The Commanist authorities in Mongolia have bowed to mounting public pressure and removed one of two hated statues of Stalin standing in the capital, Ulan Bator, residents said yesterday. The statue was outside an army officers has attracted considerable building. The remaining statue is outside the national library.

Lech Walesa, the Solidarity

the nomenklatura system at all levels of power, shattering local cliques and bringing social groups into public life." affect the communist President, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, whose election last year was presented as guaranteeing stability as Poland switched to democracy.

which after it was relayed to

him by his spies, resulted in a

second portrait being issued

Apart from history, the

subject most affected by the

revolutionary changes are for-

eign languages, which were

detested by Ceausescu. He

never allowed textbooks on

them to refer to the countries

whose language was being

Foreign languages will now

be taught to much younger

children and English will re-

place Russian where qualified

taught.

showing both ears in place.

"In 1989 we got freedom and stability," Mr Geremek wrote. "Now there is a question: is there not too much stability and too little free-dom?" The appointment in neighbouring Czechoslovakia of Mr Vaclav Havel, the former dissident, as President has attracted considerable leader, is known to want to

General Jaruzelski, who imposed martial law in 1981 in an attempt to crush Solidarity

become President.

run if a new constitution introduces direct presidential elections.

The Solidarity daily, Gazeta Wyborcza, said that Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Prime Minister, would ask Parliament today to bring forward the local elections to late March or early April.

A key political event then could also be useful for the Government in deflecting public disquiet. It expects the spring to be a make-or-break time when it could face popular unrest because of its economic policies. This week's strike at five southern coalmines employing 35,000 men is the first sign of such a possibility, with workers demanding pay rises in defiance

Mr Geremek gave a veiled and consolidate communist of a wages clampdown. **Bulgaria's Communists**

Zhivkov, and some of his relatives and closest political associates. consideration.

Referring to the possibility of a trial, Mr Andrei Lukanov, a senior figure in the country's new Communist leadership, told reporters yesterday: "We will have to look into our legislation and constitution, but it is not excluded."

Speaking English, he added: have been very serious political and constitutional misdeeds which might warrant a trial."

Mr Zhivkov, who is 78 and had ruled Bulgaria with an iron fist for 35 years, is believed to be under house own enrichment.

"Any violation of the law by Mr Zhivkov or by anybody nov said. else will certainly be prosecuted in the way prescribed by that law. That is a firm the opposite - punish somebody and then try to find a law for doing so because that of financial misdeeds. We are would be a return to the old also dealing with severe cases totalitarian regime," Mr Luka- of abuse of power by the

minister who replaced Mr

"I think personally that there rule without destroying the Communist reputation.

> The party has not yet indicated when it will publish its

"We have started our investigations into the financial wrongdoing of Mr Zhivkov position. But we will not do and his family and, in some cases, his closest associates.

highest-ranking state officials. Mr Lukanov, aged 51, a The way the Muslim question was promoted to the Politburo typical example." It was then office.

speaking Turkish in public.

The decree was rescinded by

lims) was taken by Zhivkov himself, perhaps in the company of two or three high ranking associates. We learnt about it post-facto, when it had been carried out," Mr Lukanov said. "Certainly, in a situation

like that, there is a problem of moral responsibility for everybody, and I don't exclude myself. It is the tragic logic of a totalitarian regime. You face choices. One of them is to be knocked out immediately. The other is to try and survive until a democratic choice is possible. i, and many others, took the second choice. In retrospect, i think it was warranted.

As the chairman of a par- the new leadership on December 29 of last year, provoking a week of widespread demonnationalists.

"The decision (on the Mus-

Mr Lukanov's remarks suggest that if there is to be a trial of Mr Zhivkov, it will concentrate heavily on the Muslim issue, which may make it possible to pin responsibility on the former ruler and his closest associates without implicating other senior figures former foreign trade minister, was dealt with in 1984 was a in the party who remain in

Beneath the wrought-iron girders and

steaming The platforms are low, the heavily built

compartments.

Soviet trains have always travelled slowly,

grumble about the railways, especially the morning after a sleepless night. On the Lithuania, however, they are now preoccupied

may put ex-leader on trial From Michael Hornsby, Sofia A public trial of Bulgaria's days after Mr Zhivkov was that the Zhivkov Government former ruler, Mr Todor dislodged from power last issued a decree forcing Bulgarissued a decree forcing Bulgar-November. He is regarded as ia's Muslims of Turkish number two in the new party dessent to adopt Slavic names hierarchy after Mr Petar and prohibiting them from Mladenov, the former foreign practising their religion or is under

liamentary commission investigating the misdeeds of the Zhivkov regime, he has the strations by Bulgarian sensitive task of trying to apportion blame for the past four decades of totalitarian

"We are aware that some people are growing impatient. But if we really want to be a arrest, as is his son, Vladimir, parliamentary commission, who is widely accused of using we have to see to it that his former position in the everybody who might be ac-party's central committee in cused of misdeeds is accused charge of cultural affairs to on the basis of a concrete legal embezzle public funds for his provision and after due process of investigation and cross checking of facts," Mr Luka-

"But it is not just a question

las, times change. The tea is still there but the cleanliness and dinner in the

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rails. Week-long journeys across Siberia become gradually more spartan as food supplies are steadily sold off for private profit by the restaurant car staff.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

Czechs set deadline Dubcek issues EC challenge for withdrawal of Soviet forces

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Budapest (Reuter) - A

resigned yesterday in a widen-

ing scandal over surveillance

of opposition parties as Hun-

gary returns to multi-party democracy. The Alliance of

Free Democrats revealed doc-

uments this month which

showed monitoring by the

Interior Ministry.

their country.

Jitka Kocanova.

troops home.

The Czech Foreign Ministry as the West Germans resent that the ethnic strife and other said yesterday it had told the Soviet Union to withdraw at least half of its 80,000 troops and arms stationed here before Czechoslovakia holds free parliamentary elections in

Prague earlier announced it would like the Kremlin to withdraw all its military forces from the country by the end of

"The withdrawal should start as soon as possible, and the first stage should be com-pleted before the elections in Czechoslovakia," Mr Lubos Dobrovsky, Foreign Ministry spokesman, said at a press conference on Wednesday.

"I would imagine that half. or may be a little more, of the military might" of the Soviets Hungarian state security chief should be withdrawn by the elections tentatively set for June 8 Mr Dobrovsky said.

The presence of Soviet troops in Czechoslovakia has long been a sore point with the Czech people. The country's former com-

munist leadership, forced our of power by last November's gentle revolution, was installed by Soviet tanks, and for many Czechs, the threat of renewed Soviet intervention gave the communist leadership its only legitimacy.

The day-to-day presence too, of Soviet troops has raised the ire of ordinary

the Nato armies' presence in troubles within the Soviet Union might prevent the Soviet leadership from giving "They eat our food, they run people over in the road the necessary attention to the their demands. just because they don't know

how to drive tanks," said Miss The Czechoslovaks are insisting the talks resume in And 21 years ago on Tues-Moscow as scheduled, in early day, a student named Jan Palach burnt himself to death February. Soviet negotiators did not comment on the Czech timetable for a complete withdrawal by the end of 1990, nor did they present any ship into sending the Soviet counter proposal of their own.

Mr Dobrovsky said the precise timetable Czech negotiators gave the Soviets on ently dismayed that the Soviet Tuesday was "quite feasible" from a technical standpoint. authority to reach an

> will also be found," he said. "The date of signing of the agreement is not a burning issue for us. The burning issue is when the troops are with-

Mr Dobrovsky emphasized that Czechoslovakia would maintain its commitments under the Warsaw Pact.

Moscow is seeking to link any withdrawal from Czecho-Mr Dobrovsky said Soviet slovakia to wider talks on team showed "a certain degree reducing conventional forces of surprise" at the Czech in Europe which are now under way in Vienna. The "Perhaps," he said, "the Soviet delegation was granted Soviets have pledged in Vi-enna to reduce their forces in a narrower scope of authority Eastern Europe by 275,000 than we were granted." Mr men. An agreement is ex-Dobrovsky added that there pected to be signed by the end

Strasbourg yesterday, during which he de-

Mr Dubcek, the prime mover of the Prague

Spring, took advantage of his first visit to the

West since emerging from 20 years of forced

"After we find a political solution, a technical solution

obscurity as a forestry official to make his Mr Alexander Dubcek, the president of the Czechoslovakian Parliament, at a press conference in the European Parliament in

He said: "We do want to become a mem everything is pointing to this. Our own ideas and the conditions show this is only a matter of clared that it was "just a matter of time" before Czechoslovakia joined the European Commu-nity (Peter Guilford writes). time. I can quite justifiably say that Czecho-slovakia will enjoy success in this field."

Earlier, he had collected the Sakharov Prize awarded to him last November for his contribution to democracy and human rights.

Shift by Britain on Community links for Berlin

From Ian Murray, Bonn

policy, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the if it seeks closer links with the European Community.

During a visit to discuss the implications of the changes in Eastern Europe, he said that East Germany had a slightly different legal basis for association or membership because, at West German insistence, a special provision had been included in the original docu-ments establishing the Com-munity. As far as German reunification was concerned, he said that if the people wanted

Last November, before the gary and Poland in instituting

However, as M Jacques Delors, President of the Euroin a speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday, East Germany is a special case and can join when it wants because of the Community's commitment to German reunification. Other East bloc countries would have to wait longer because they were not politically or economically ready.

Speaking in Paris, Chan-

In a reversal of government cellor Kohl of West Germany thanked M Delors for supporting "East Germany's Euro-Foreign Office, said East Ger-many has the legal right to cellor also said there should be expect preferential treatment no special "German way" in the future development of Europe. In this context he made it clear that he did not consider Germany was any longer entitled to question the present Polish western border.

His refusal to do so until now has been a major source of anxiety to the Soviet Union and Nato allies alike. What was needed, Herr Kohl said, was wider relations between the Community and all of Eastern Europe. In Bonn, Herr Hans-

it, then trying to prevent it Dietrich Genscher, the West could destabilize Europe. German Foreign Minister, German Foreign Minister, also thanked M Delors. He special EC summit in Paris discussed the question with M concentrating on the East Delors last week when he was European changes, Britain told that three possible ways had argued that there should were open to East Germany. It be no special treatment for could seek associate member-East Germany, which was ship, full membership or considered to be trailing Hun-membership through a union with West Germany.

Mr Waldegrave said yesterday that he believed associate membership was the pean Commission, made clear more likely way, although he would not hazard a guess as to when this might happen.

His talks, he said, had centered on the question of Germany's future and he had stressed that the British government position had never changed from supporting selfdetermination by the people. "The whole effort of the last 40 years has been directed at

Moscow admits pact is changing

ical changes.

General Nikolai Chervov, chief of the arms control eral staff, said command and control of the Warsaw Pact security balance. But he exammed forces, until now directed from Moscow, would have to change with the times.

The Soviet general was speaking yesterday in a press conference at the 35-nation seminar on military doctrine in Vienna which has high-lighted the determination of Eastern European countries to form their own defence

strategies. General Chervov disclosed that the Warsaw Pact's political consultative committee - the supreme policy-making body similar to Nato's North Atlantic Council - would probably "cease to exist".

The committee which has, in the past, consisted of the Communist Party general sec-retaries of the seven Warsaw Pact countries, decides allithe Soviet Union was in-ance positions on all defence terested in the possibility of ance positions on all defence and arms control issues.

However, General Chervov said events in Eastern Europe had developed so fast, with moves towards pluralist political parties that the Communist Party was no longer able to take the lead. So the existing committee would have to be replaced by another body, he said. "We're still forces".

One of the Soviet Union's working on it," he added. most senior army generals General Chervov who is part admitted yesterday that the of the Soviet delegation at the structure of the Warsaw Pact seminar, warned that the alliance was undergoing rad- Kremlin did not want "to rush artificially" to change the Warsaw Pact's structure.

It was the common interest directorate of the Soviet gen- of all European countries, he said, to maintain a proper would become "a purely pol-itical alliance".

Lieutenant General Laszo Barsits, chief of the Hungarian general staff, has said that his Government is more interested in protecting the interests of his country than those of the Warsaw Pact. He said Budapest's new military doctrine would return to an old Hungarian Army tradition of renaming regiments "after old peasants from years back". The Army, to be deployed in balanced units around the country, would obey Parliament, not the Soviet commander of the Warsaw Pact

forces, he said. • Nuclear deal: General Chervov confirmed yesterday that retaining an amount of tac-tical nuclear weapons. This would be in accordance with Nato's doctrine of "minimum deterrence". But he said the Soviet Union was still prepared to eliminate all tactical nuclear weapons in Europe provided there was "a drastic reduction in conventional

Bonn wavers over

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with lialy taking 21 per cent saving money while sending and Spain the remaining 13 the right signal to reformers in per cent. At least 800 orders Eastern Europe. for the fighter, scheduled to enter service in 1996, had backing for the project means been expected, making it cru- that most Bundestag members cial to the creation of longterm jobs at British to a vote. The opposition Aerospace.

cign Minister and a leading ment of the project is part of member of the Free Demo- their platform for the election crats - the junior partners in in December. the Government - called the project into question siasm for helping East Ger-

yesterday. Explaining his party's deits support for the project, Herr Genscher said the decision to build the aircraft had been controversial in the first roads to Leipzig.

been the option of buying such the troubled European Fighter an aircraft more cheaply elsewhere.

Reforms in Eastern Europe and improved East-West relations had created new circumstances, Herr Genscher said. "The Government itself has not made a final decision on this weapon," he said. "It is a

The Free Democrats favour large reductions in the defence Britain and West Germany budget and see the fighter each have a 33 per cent share, project as an obvious way of

The loss of Free Democrat would be against it if it came Social Democrats said 18 Herr Hans-Dietrich Gen months ago that they would acher, the West German For-not support it, and abandon-

Given the public enthumany recover, the Social Democrats are successfully Cision earlier this week to drop asking whether European security is better served by building a new generation of fighter aircraft or by constructing new



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Conflict in the Kashmir valley

Delhi in crisis as support for independence swells

From Christopher Thomas, Srinagar, Kashmir

coffee houses of the Kashmir hours, 5 pm to 5 am, every women in Kashmir to observe Jammu and Kashmir Liberavalley, packed with people sheltering from a savage winter, the key topic of conversation is how soon independence will come.

The independence movement patently enjoys mass bol of official authority. Support, posing a crisis for the The militants, calling themnew and untested Indian Gov-selves Mujahidin (freedom ernment as it becomes locked in a dangerously escalating Afghan guerrillas. The second-war of words with Pakistan in-command of Hizbi-Islami-

over Kashmir's future.

It is almost impossible to find anyone in the valley who does not back the aims, if not the matter of a harristance of the three main guerilla organizations operating in the valley, said in an interview that if the Afthe means, of a bewildering ghans could drive out a super-array of militant groups (27 of power, then the Kashmiris them at the last count) fighting to wrest Kashmir from what they call "Indian occupation" 43 years after partition.

India is finally paying the price of allowing a succession inept governments to rule the valley. It takes a hefty bribe even to get a job as a teacher. over a year ago, with devastat-

system of law and order any

purdah. "Koran is our

leaflet demonstrates beyond doubt the extent to which minister, remains as only a Islamic fundamentalism is tenuous and discredited symmerging with the independence movement.

The man confirmed that his organization was behind a ban on liquor shops, cinemas and video stores, which were all un-Islamic". It was also responsible for throwing black ink in the faces of unveiled Muslim women.

He also confirmed the existence of guerrilla training camps on the Pakistani side of The unnamed man pro-duced a leaflet that shop-keepers are being told to stick his organization were trained

Governors dismissed

Delhi (Reuter) - The Indian Government has order even to get a job as a teacher. In the absence of any genuine political outlet, the valley's youth turned to violence just over a year ago, with devastatelections. The ministry spokesman said the Congress Party had broken the tradition that governors, appointed by the national Government in Delki to play a largely ceremonial role, should be more, save for a fragile peace imposed by a huge number of probably reappoint many of them.

In the grubby tea shops and security forces during curfew in their windows. It orders there, as were fighters from the tion Front and the People's constitution," it said, "Jihad League, the other two main (holy war) is our way". The guerrilla groups operating in the valley.

He predicted that the battle with Indian forces would soon become so intense that refugees would start crossing the border from the Indian side, just as Afghans had flocked into Pakistan.

The ferocity of verbal exchanges between Pakistan and India this week has seriously alarmed international observers both in Delhi and

A senior Pakistani official in Delhi gave a warning that repeated Indian accusations that his country was assisting Kashmiri militants were potentially dangerous."

But it was a statement on Kashmir's right to self-determination that brought the sharpest attack from Delhi, which accused Pakistan of "wanton unwarranted and unacceptable interference inour internal affairs."

It ridiculed Pakistan's denial that it was assisting Kashmiri mikitants, saying that evidence to the contrary was overwheiming.

Colonel denies massacre accusation



Colonel Guillermo Alfredo Benavides, left, leader of eight Salvadorean military men accused of the massacre of six Jesuit priests last November, at a pre-trial court hearing in San Salvador yesterday. The

judge has 72 hours to rule on whether there is enough evidence to press charges and proceed with a trial. President Cristiani of El Salvador claimed on US

their housekeeper and her daughter on the Central American University campus. He denies the accusation. A ninth soldier suspect is still at large.

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pulled a gun on the person next to him'." Just as subtitles made teleaccessible to deaf WGBH-TV began work on people 15 years ago, a new technology to be used on national television across

From James Bone, New York

America soon could open up the small screen to the blind.

Next Wednesday, 32 public television stations will broadcast the first national programme enhanced by Descriptive Video Service.

The drama, Sense and Sensibility in the "American Playhouse" series, will be accompanied by a separate narration for blind people, transmitted through the second audio channel available on most new television sets. During breaks in the di-

alogue, the new service will provide explanations to the taking place on the screen.

will come on pauses in the show. "It might say, 'John turned

the idea four years ago after hearing of a theatre project for the blind in Washington, run by Dr Margaret Pfanstiehl.

In the "Washington Ear" theatre, blind people were provided with a running commentary from someone behind the scenes on what was happening on stage.

The idea was adapted to television and tests have proved it to be succesful. Blind people "watch" just as much television as others between two and six hours. We got rave reviews from

all the visually impaired people who watched it," said Miss King. "The most often partially sighted of what is heard comment was, 'I didn't know what I was missing'."

Said Miss Sharon King. Users of the new system will director of the project at not have to buy an expensive WGBH-TV station in Boston: decoder to receive the addi-What you will hear is a voice tional signal as it will be available on their television's second audio channel. Those with an older set, without an slowly with a sad look on his extra audio channel, will be face, or if it is an action show able to buy a decoding box for it could say, 'The tail man as little as \$35 (£21).

WORLD ROUNDUP

Burma ban on opposition chief

Rangoon (Reuter) - Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the main opposition leader in Burma, has been barred from next May's election, the first in 29 years, diplomatic sources said yesterday. Extra troops were posted in the capital as reports of the decision spread. The sources said the Rangoon district commission of the Elections Commission disqualifed the charismatic leader of the National League for Democ



racy on Tuesday in response to a protest by a rival politician. Although there was no formal right of appeal under rules established by the ruling Military Council, the democracy league had submitted a letter asking the National Elections Commission to review the case. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, aged 44, has been under house arrest since July.

Deaths spark aid call

military and economic aid to Papua New Guinea after the most violent attacks yet by rebels on Bougainville Island (Robert Cockburn writes). In several co-ordinated raids. defying the Government's attempted military crackdown, the secessionist rebels yesterday killed eight people, destroyed a prison and a helicopter, burnt government buildings, and cut power lines across their outlying South Pacific island. Visiting senior Australian ministers will now focus their talks on a request by Mr Rabbi Namaliu, Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister, for an additional \$A20 million (£9.5 million) to prop up the ailing economy, and military training and equipment for the country's army.

Reprieve for Athens - Greece agreed yesterday to let the US keep its

military bases here for a further six months (Mario Modiano writes). This will give the Greek Government which will emerge from the general elections, now scheduled for April 8, enough time to negotiate a new agreement with the Americans. The last bases agreement which expired on December 22, 1988, gave the US a further 17 months to dismantle and remove all its military installations in Greece. This period ends on May 22, 1990. A law extending the period is to be passed by Parliament on Monday.

Swiss act on Noriega

Berne (Reuter) - Switzerland will release details of bank accounts linked to General Manuel Noriega, the former Panamanian strongman, to help Washington press its drug-trafficking charges, the Justice Ministry said yesterday. Details of accounts in Geneva and Zurich, frozen by Swiss authorities when US troops toppled General Noriega last month, will be handed over unless there is an appeal within 10 days. The General is in jall in Miami where US authorities are preparing a case against him for allegedly helping to smuggle drugs from Colombia to the US.

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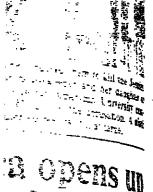
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Sisulu urges ANC | Mystery oil slick threatens Madeira islands hawks to accept talks with Pretoria From Jan Raath, Harare, and Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

The battle between the hawks the autobiography of Nelson with Mandela in the next few and the doves of the African Mandela, the imprisoned National Congress came into ANC leader expected to be the open yesterday when Mr released soon, Mr Sisulu said Walter Sisulu, himself jailed for attempting violent insurrection, appealed for talks political struggle is a most with Pretoria.

The septuagenarian former ANC secretary-general was rapturously welcomed in Lusaka's Mulungushi Hall by hundreds of young ANC members, many of them from the organization's military wing, Umkhonto We Sizwe, symbol of the party hard-liners' belief that armed struggle is the only way to achieve democracy in South Africa.

Mr Sisulu and seven others. all released from jail in South Africa three months ago and later issued with passports, arrived in Lusaka on Monday for three days of talks with the hierarchy of the party's external leadership in the first substantial bridging of the gap between supporters inside and outside South Africa.

Observers predict a showdown between the military wing, on one hand, and Mr Sisulu and the many who support him, on the other.

Some people are criticizing us for taking the initiative on this (negotiations), and saying we are going to be in a weak position," he told his audi-ence, adding that some had "failed to understand" the party's policy. Drawing from

there was "no easy way to ficedom" and added that "the

However, he was careful to endorse the concept of a military effort alongside negotiations, urging the young men to continue the armed struggle, despite the significantly softened approach to the ANC of President de Klerk. "We know that if this is not done the regime ... will go back,"

Talks were crucial, though, because the ANC had "reached a crossroad": "There is no longer any way in which the regime can turn back. We have reached a point where the majority knows where it is going to."

Mr Sisulu also promised that the 1990s "will not end without us seeing freedom".

The ANC leadership in exile and the United Democratic Front (UDF), its surrogate in South Africa, are discussing plans to intensify the antiapartheid defiance campaign to put further pressure on the Government negotations.

The ANC national executive committee begins a three-day meeting in Lusaka today and a top-level UDF delegation hopes to confer black liberation.

weeks. The ANC debate overfuture strategy has been made more urgent by the recent initiatives of President de Klerk, and the unspoken promise that Nelson Mandela the jailed ANC leader, will be freed soon.

The date of his release remains the subject of intense and conflicting speculation. The latest word from a close

family friend, a senior figure in the anti-apartheid movement, is that Mandela, aged 71, is unlikely to leave the prison officer's villa assigned to him at Victor Verster jail before March. Diplomats also regard the first two weeks of March as the most likely to see

The prevailing view is that President de Klerk will abolish at least some of the repressive legislation before freeing the veteran ANC leader, with a view to beginning negotiations on constitutional

The business community in

South Africa has been encouraged by statements attributed to Mandela that he favours a free enterprise system. Mr Richard Maponya, a prominent black businessman who met Mandela recently, quoted him as saying that he no longer advocated state control of industry and commerce as an instrument for



the only sandy beach on Porto Santo Island after an oil slick spread through Portugal's Atlantic archi-pelago of Madeira. Experts raced to avert disaster on the holiday islands yesterday (Renter reports from Funchal). Overnight currents carried small quantities of oil to Madeira Island's northern shore from Porto Santo, 25 miles to the morth-east, where the 13-mile slick has built up since Monday. As oil-soaked galls

Santo's southern beach, Senhor Fernando Real, the Environment Minister in Portugal, flew to the scene along with Air Force planes loaded with tonnes of anti-pollutants. "It is a serious situation," said a Madeira official. Environmentalists warned of a catastrophe if the slick reached the nearby Deserted Islands, whose nature reserve is home to a colony of rare sea lions and birds. No is certain where the slick originated. Madeira

naval officials believe that the slick may have come from the Spanish tanker Aragon which leaked 25,000 tounes of crude off Madeira two weeks ago. But Senhor Eduardo Cruz, the deputy director of the Spanish Mer-chant Marine, told the Portuguese news agency Lusa that it was virtually impossible that the Aragon was to lame. The spill was very thick for oil that had been in a choppy sea so long, he said. Officials have not ruled out

that the oil could have drifted from a

Taylor.

buse snill from an Iranian tanker off Morocco's Atlantic coast last month. But they say oil would normally have have broken up during the 400-mile journey to Madeira. Madeira's regional autonomous government was considering seeking the aid of France, Spain, Finland or The Netherlands to battle the slick. Scores of men using buildozers and buckets have scoope up several tonnes of oil on the island. Officials closed the island's desalination plant after finding oil in it.

Death toll mounts in Somalia's civil war

By Michael Knipe Diplomatic Correspondent

The number of people killed in the civil war in Somalia in the past 19 months is estimated at between 50,000 and 60,000 in a report published today.

According to Africa Watch, a US-based human rights monitoring organization, nearly half a million refugees have fled the country, principally to Ethiopia, while another 400,000 have been

It is difficult to overstate the extent of the Somali Government's brutality towards its own people, says Africa Watch, Two decades of rule by President Siad Barre's regime had resulted in human rights violations on an unprecedented scale, which have dev-

astated the country. For 20 years, strict government controls have prohibited independent political activity and cut off all legal avenues for the expression of dissent. The repressive system is implemented by a uniformed paramilitary organization, the Victory Pioneers, which acts as the regime's watchdog at a neighbourhood level, and a powerful secret police organization, the National Security

The Somali Government has shown a total disregard for the international laws of war, using its air force and artillery fire against the civilian

Africa Watch says the war is continuing in the north against the Somali National Movement, a rebel group drawn primarily from the Isaak tribal clan. Similar policies are now being pursued in southern and central Somalia against the Ogaden and Khawiye clans in reprisal for their suport of two rebel movements established last year, the Somali Patriotic Movement and the United Somali Congress.

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Economy flaw found in draft law after bungled coup attempt

Hong Kong and 1997

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Hong Kong pected to be its last session of Group in April. The group is the British and Hong Kong

of deliberations on Hong Kong's future constitution, it emerged yesterday that British officials are worried about the omission of a key point on the economy. mittee next month.

As China began the final stage

The current draft of the Basic Law, which will apply from 1997, does not explicitly give the Hong Kong Govern-ment control over its own economic affairs.

Such control is merely implied. This contrasts with the Basic Law's clarity on related issues, leaving no doubt that Hong Kong will have control over its own monetary, financial and fiscal matters. In theory it could mean that

Peking would be able to tell Hong Kong how to spend its money, British officials regard the omission as contrary to the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, which set the guidelines for the Basic Law now being formulated.

An important Chinese committee, meeting in Canton, yesterday began what is ex-

discussions on the Basic Law. It may complete its work this week and the document will then go to a plenary session of the Basic Law drafting com-

Mr Xiao Weiyun, a Chinese law professor, said amendments could be made at the Hong Kong - Hong Kong

police bave classified as murder the death of a Vietnamese in the Whitehead detention centre, where thousands of boat people are held (Jona-than Brande writes). The man died and nine others were injured, one seriously, when 20 masked men stormed the camp's dormitory yesterday.

plenary session and at a meeting of the National People's Congress in March.

However, the possibility that it could go through without the economic provision is worrying the British, who are

expected to raise it at the next

meeting of the Joint Liaison

the principal forum for discussions between Britain and China on the transfer of sovereignty over the colony.

Although the Basic Law is a matter for China, the agreement between the two countries is that it should be consistent with the 1984 Joint Declaration. Britain has a right to raise any inconsistencies with China.

Senior Chinese officials expressed concern recently over Kong's current tallest buildhuge infrastructure invest- ing the 70-storey Bank of ments by the present Hong China, built by the Peking ments by the present Hong these are a matter for Hong Kong and Britain, they will not be completed before China takes over. The lack of an economic clause in the of the Legislative Council, Basic Law could allow China to alter the infrastructure programme once it takes over. Peking is understood to be works schemes. He advocated concerned that Hong Kong direct dialogue between Pewill be unable to pay for the later stages of the project and

that it will be obliged to help. The investments are seen by cils.

governments as evidence of confidence in Hong Kong's future economic health.

During the visit this week by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, construction gangs were pouring the foundations of a huge new central building to be called Citicorp Tower. The site alone cost HK\$2.7 billion, although it is only 100 yards square.

It will stand next to Hong completed next month after being delayed by a shortage of welders.

Mr Kingsley Sit, a member said yesterday that China should be consulted about Hong Kong's huge public king and Hong Kong's Office of the Members of the Executive and Legislative Coun-

Liberians flee Doe soldiers

ment and 250 by their self-styled leader, Mr Charles

The Liberian Government

appears to be carrying out a form of scorched earth policy

there, resettling some of the

remaining villagers - the

majority have fled - and

Hundreds of people have died and thousands have fled fighting in north-eastern Liberia amid yet another apparent attempt to overthrow President Samuel Doe of Liberia. Amnesty International has

called on the régime in the West African state to stop summary executions by government troops and to investigate the alleged killing of hundreds of unarmed civilians since the rebellion against President Doe's regime began on Christmas Eve.

The Liberian Red Cross has announced that about 5,000 Liberia, in addition to the more than 20,000 refugees from the affected Nimba province who have fled to the neighbouring countries of Ivory Coast and Guinea.

Nimba province is under a dusk-to-dawn curfew and has been declared out of bounds to travellers.

A lack of first-band information means that it is difficult to assess the situation

there or to verify the strength

President Doe: Denies ordering executions

of the infiltration of a rebel burning houses in an effort to force that led to the crack- root out the rebel forces. About 20,000 refugees, down by government troops. men, women and children, are Their numbers are estimated at 100 by the Govern-

now being cared for in the lvory Coast. They have been streaming across the border for the past three weeks and accuse government troops and rebels alike of atrocities.

President Doe has denied that his troops are responsible for the killings, saying these are being carried out by the rebels.

He has added that the situation is now under control. Mr Taylor, however, says offensive this week and could soon march on the capital, Monrovia. Master Sergeant Doe seized

power in a bloody coup in 1980 in which President William Tolbert and 13 of his Cabinet were executed.

Since then he has governed this independent West African state, set up by freed American slaves in 1842, withstanding an average official rate of an attempted coup a year.

Demonstrations grow as Israel's crisis deepens

From Richard Owen Sefed, northern Israel

The air is thick with the smoke of burning tyres and protesters chant slogans against the Israeli Government as they barricade the roads with boulders.

However, these are not Palestinian activists of the intifada - rather, Israeli farmers at Moshav Ya'ara, one of the many co-operative farms in the north of the country facing bankruptcy because of the Government's failure to pay promised farm subsidies. At the town of Hazor

Haglilit near by, still more demonstrators chanting "We need bread, we need work" clash with police in protests over the closure of factories owned by the huge, state-controlled Koor conglomerate. Koor, an arm of the trades union organization, the Histadrut, controls much of Israeli industry, but is itself on the verge of bankruptcy.

Now, with the diplomatic peace process stalled, senior figures in Washington have begun to suggest that US aid to Israel should be cut. Israel receives \$3 billion a year in American aid. The suggestion by Senator Robert Dole this week in The New York Times that Congress should cease to earmark aid for Israel, Egypt, the Philippines, Turkey and Pakistan, and should cut aid to Israel by 5 per cent, has aroused profound concern.

serious decline. The Zionist idealism which lay behind the setting up of kibbutzes and moshavs — collective and co-operative farms — in the pioneering days of the Jewish state has dwindled.

The growing number of oriental or Sephardic Jews and immigrants from the Soviet bloc either have no interest in the European origins of Zionist socialism or are actively opposed to it. In response, Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader in the

coalition, who has seen the power base of his once dominant Labour Party gradually crumble, has embarked on a Israel's economic problems programme of privatization. stem partly from the fact that He has hived off Koor subsid-

north, in Upper Galilee and in the Golan Heights, on Israel's borders with Lebanon and Syria, many of which

Cairo (Reuter) — Egypt has invited Mr Shimon Peres, Israel's Labour party leader and Vice Prime Minister, to Cairo next week to press for Israeli participation in a dialogue with Palestinians, dipomats said yesterday.

combine farming with industry. Both are proving unprofitable, and, in spite of the strategic importance of the settlements, the Government has so far refused to pay the moshays the £2 million which

gone on strike, and several £3 billion a year. farmers are said to have committed suicide because of the crisis. Water supplies to off because of unpaid bills.

the Knesset to approve emer-gency aid to Upper Galilee. the West Bank and Gaza to Settlers there say the real problem is that in the longterm, subsidized enterprises are no longer economically viable. Mr Avraham Katz-Or, the Agriculture Minister, this week told angry farmers that they must learn to "diversify".

the socialist ethic on which iaries for private sale. None of the farmers claim they are Burdened by high defence Israel was founded is in this has mollified the hard- owed in subsidies. Most mo- spending, Israel is running an pressed settlements in the shave and kibbutzim have annual trade deficit of some

According to Mr Peres, inflationary pressures are the result of having to cope with a the settlements have been cut huge wave of immigration from the Soviet Union, East-In response, the Govern- ern Europe and Ethiopia. Othment is rushing a Bill through ers point to the cost of control the intifada.

The angry farmers of the north yesterday gave the Government until Monday to come up with funds, threatening to take "drastic action" otherwise. In Hatzor, in Upper Galilee, thousands of pro-It was announced this week testers clashed with police that the inflation rate for 1989 after a decision by Koor to pay was just over 20 per cent. off hundreds of steel workers.

Drug lords offer peace deal

Bogotá (Reuter) - The Extraditables, Colombia's main drug cartel, said yesterday they would end bombings and assassinations of public figures and journalists to prove they wanted peace with the Government.

The statement, read over radio stations in Medellin. centre of the drug trade, said they would also halt cocaine exports and turn over their arms and drug laboratories 'the moment that we are given constitutional and legal guarantees".

Police therapy

Stockholm - Mr Tommy Lindstrom, Sweden's national police chief said the detectives investigating the death of Olof Palme, the former Prime Minister, had to have psychotherapy to cope with the decision last year to free Mr Christer Pettersson, who was convicted of the murder.

Media attack

Beirut (Reuter) - General Michel Aoun, the Christian military leader, has ordered the prosecution of media which defied his ban on identifying Mr Elias Hrawi as President.

Custody death

Johannesburg (Reuter) - A black South African man, aged 19, suspected of arson attacks, died on Tuesday during interrogation police

Press protest Dhaka - At least 500 journal-

ists in Bangladesh marched on Parliament yesterday demanding the repeal of antipress laws.

Mayor killed Marseilles (AFP) - The mayor of one of the city's

districts was shot dead in his

Briton gets to grips with Japanese big time recently became only the second and enjoy bouts which, after five of fish, chicken, soyabean curd and From Joe Joseph foreigner in the 2,000-year history of minutes of ceremonial stamping, can sumo to win a tournament, is the pass in the blink of an eye as one Nathan Strange, a not especially chunky 18-year-old from Herne Bay, has a straightforward reason for being wrestler forces the other to the floor or heaviest wrestler on record. Just 26 years old, he weighs 35st 13lb and looks in need of urgent medical

his hair in a greased topknot for Foreigners who have lived in Tokyo purely professional reasons become used to the sight of these incredible hulks rubbing their bellies against each other in a small ring and The only less likely character in the grand sumo tournament now nearing its climax in Tokyo is Marcello • The only less likely Salomon Imach, a 22-year-old

scales at just 16st 8lb.

treatment. Nathan Strange tips the

character is an Argentinian who is the first Jewish Sumo wrestler 9

have to remind themselves that it is not normal for young men to force feed themselves to a point where only a Bedford truck or another sumo wrestler can knock them off balance.

They train rigorously, and there are muscles under the fat. They run and jump and manage to swim surpris-

ngly sleekly. Even expatriates get hooked to the television when a tournament is on

out of the ring. The £100ringside seats are as difficult to obtain as an invitation to the royal box at Convent Garden, but twice as exclusive. The British have taken to sumo as

they did to darts and other odd spectator sports. British addresses are now common on the bottom of letters to Japanese sumo magazines. Strange has attracted a clutch of fans, mostly young Japanese and British girls, who write to wish him success. Strange was among the many

people in Britain who caught the bug watching sumo on Channel Four. He then practised sumo in south London with his English judo instructor. Now that he is in Tokyo, he concedes it is not an easy or glamorous life. "You do everything from cooking

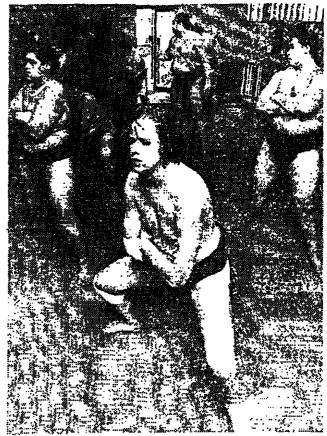
to cleaning the loos. If you're bottom rank you clean the toilets, including the giant size toilet we've just had installed. I'm on the second rank, so I'm spared toilet duty now. We wake up at six and start training at 6.30. Training is a lot harder than I thought it would be. Cooking begins at 9 am." Despite a diet of heavy stews made

vegetables, and mountains of bulkbuilding rice, Strange's weight has shrunk from 19 st 5 lb to 16 st 8 lb due to the physical demands of his Strange's weight loss has not

marred his performance so far. He is up - three wins, two losses - in the current tournament, with two bouts to go. If he wins he might rise another rank, although he will not become rich soon. His board is met by the stable, his wage is basically pocket money. But there is money at the top.

Sumo's current darling, one of the most successful wrestlers in the history of the sport and the favourite of most women spectators because he is the only top wrestler who looks vaguely muscular, is Chiyonofuji, known as "The Wolf".

Since reaching the rank of Grand Champion in 1981, Chiyonofuji, aged 34, has pocketed more than 800 million yen (£3.3 million) from salary. bonuses, prize money, and appearance fees. At a good tournament he can pick up 200 million yen from generous fans in the crowd. Encouragingly for Strange, Chiyonofuji has made it to the top even though he weighs in at a skimpy 19st 10lb.



Nathan Strange from Herne Bay working out at the sumo stable in Tokvo. He concedes it is far from a glamorous life. | car by two unknown men.

Labour policy on Hong Kong 'is irresponsible'

Kong families was reaffirmed by Mr Dougles In Hong Kong, Mr Hurd affirmed the Foreign See Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, when he reported to MPs on his visit to the colony.

He was criticized from the Labour benches over the slow progress of democracy for Hong Kong and from the Conservative benches for the immigra-tion to Britain that the passport plan would bring. He accused Labour of having a policy that was obscure and irresponsible.

Mr Hurd said that everyone he had spoken to, politicians and the business community, had welcomed his statement made just before Christmas that 50,000 families would be given British passports, although they had hoped for more. He had assured them that the Government was fully committed to the

Referring to the Vietnamese boat people, he said that Hong Kong had paid a high price for its policy of first asylum, but the colony could not be expected to take the same number of boat people this year — more than 30,000 — that it received last

"There is nowhere for those boat people to go. The policy of repatriation is therefore the right one, and I hope this may

On the agreement with China, he said that no one in Hong Kong seriously disputed the validity of the joint declaration as the basis for Hong Kong's future after 1997. Although confidence was undermined last June, the Chinese Government had reaffirmed its commitment to the joint declaration.

It had to be made to work and an important element in that was the extent and pace of democratization in Hong Kong before and after 1997. Dis-cussions on that issue were continuing and he would not go into detail today.

"Our goal is to set in place a system, starting with elections to the Legislative Council in 1991, which will satisfy Hong racy and which will endure after 1997.

"I hope, after further dis-cussion, to be able to announce a decision within the next few

increase in the number of members to be elected to the Legislative Council, but it had done nothing or had left the field Kong Government. The Chi-

The Government's com-mitment to give British They had proposed only 18 passports to 50,000 Hong directly elected members by 1007 the year of the handover.

1997, the year of the handover. by next year. Today he had given no information of any kind and that was not good

The draft Bill of Rights had been thrown out by the Executive Council in Hong Kong as inadequate. Was the Govern-ment proceeding with it?

What international discussions were taking place on the boat people? Had the Vietnamese Government indicated whether it was ready to receive any further boat people sent forcibly? What government in-centives were there for voluntary repatriation?

What action was the Government taking to give direct economic aid to Vietnam? This was the most sensible way of giving the Vietnamese con-fidence to stay in their own

The Amnesty International report alleged ill treatment of boat people and that one had

6 There is nowhere for the boat people to go. The policy of repatriation is, therefore, the right

one to follow

died from indiscriminate kicking and use of batons. There should be an inpendent inquiry. The deputy secretary general of the basic law drafting committee was reported to have said that under that basic law top officials in Hong Kong's post-1997 government would not have the right to live abroad and that Hong Kong residents with British passports would not be allowed to seek British consular

after its return to China. "Is this not a torpedo right through the Government's ill conceived plans to award UK passports to 50,000 so-called key people?"

Everyone who got a passport would inevitably seek to come to Britain before 1997, "making nonsense of the Government's claim that the purpose of their plan is to anchor those people to Hong Kong".

Mr Hard said that it would be Mr Kaufman said that the Government had indicated that which made impossible longterm progress on democracy if that progress was attainable "The drafting of the Bill of nese have made no representa-tions to us about this matter." While it was right to encourage voluntary return of Vietnamese who were not refugees, that had not proved sufficient so repatriation was also

The Amnesty report needed to be considered. Several of the incidents mentioned had been

zens of another country were not dual citizens and it followed the world.

Opposition now in favour of

Mr Kaufman oozed sympathy, sometimes he said that there was nothing to be done. There was a strong impression from Mr Kaniman's foggy phrases that Labour had no interest whatsoever in the sensible

ng the demand for democracy

would mean that the election of a Labour Government would precipitate a crisis in Hong Kong. Was not Labour's position the most cynical and opportunistic policy ever heard from the Opposition?

Mr Bernie Grant (Tottenham, Lab) asked what assurances had been extracted from the Chinese

of free opinion in Hong Kong. Ronald Butt, page 12

had not been accepted.

in the case of UK citizens that they were entitled to British ular protection throughout

special administrative region after 1997 might employ British and other foreign citizens
Mr David Howell (Guildford

C), chairman of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, said that Mr Hurd had not been helped by Mr Kaufman (Conservative cheers). Was the giving passports to everyone in Hong Kong? Mr Hard said that sometimes

future of Hong Kong.

Green and Stepney, Lab) suggested greater priority to satisfyin Hong Kong above appeasing

Mr Hurd: Labour Party pol-

on the security of British citi-zens after 1997, particularly in view of Chinese Government

investigated by the Government of Hong Kong and the criticisms Under Chinese law. full citi-

Hong Kong Chinese who were not full UK citizens were in a different position. As regards public servants, the joint declaration made clear that the

Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal

Mr George Walden (Buckingham, C) said that Labour's undertaking to repeal the right of abode for the 50,000 families

icy is obscure as to about 90 per cent and that part which is not obscure is irresponsible.

statements about peaceful demonstrations in Hong Kong. Mr Hurd agreed that the Chinese Government was concerned about some expressions



agenda. The fear was one of political and economic domina-

tion by Germany. The night-mare was that Germany would be a "shifting cargo" in the centre of Europe and a perma-nent cause of instability.

The more pountary grated the Eastern European community became, the better it would be able to offer a proper for the political The more politically inte-

framework for the political remailication of the German

Lord Carrer (Ind), former Chief of the Defence Staff, said that an entirely new situation would be created if the four

powers now agreed about the future of Germany and both

ies were in agree

There would no longer be estification for the four-power

Nor would it be appropriate

for those two alliances to con-tinue to station large bodies of

foreign troops on German soil, whether that soil was divided into two or not.

But, if there was one Ger-

many, her neighbours would certainly need some method of ensuring that she could not threaten their security.

Nato, and the stability it pro-

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It would be folly to un

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House of Lords

Call for Nato to be replaced

A call for a search for a new security system to replace Nato was made by Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, former Prime Minister, during a debate in the Lords on the prospect of German remiti-

Outling the ramifications for Europe of requification, he said that Nato's doctrine of flexible response could become "in-operable".

"For the present, Nato must remain the shield for the West with the essential presence of the United States. But logic compels the conclusion that the political and other changes just around the corner require us to seek a better and more relevant security system for Europe as a whole that will reflect the new

The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Helsinki process, was an acceptable forum for the search.

Opening the debate, Lord Callaghan (Lab) said that the ending of any division of Ger-many would set off a chain reaction that would radically affect the other nations of The extraordinary events of

recent months had already over-turned the political structure in Europe. Last year would go down in history with the revolu-tions of 1789 and 1848. Communism was discredited and the. Potsdam and Yalta, was in the process of dying.

of moniting me two vermannes had already begun and would soon be in full swing. The two countries had agreed 11 joint commissions and their leaders were to have another meeting in a fortnight's time. The mo-mentum for remification is se form was irresistible.

"It is imperative that the two Germanies unequivocably and formally renounce any hope of recovering their lost territories in the East and accept without reservation the existing border between East Germany and

The implications for the Soviet Union were vast. That empire had never made any bones about regarding East Germany and Poland as a buffer against attack from the West.

It was not conceivable that a total unified Germany would be either neutral or unaligned. If she were, she would be likely at some time to feel hemmed in and Europe had had previous experi-ence of where that sentiment could lead.

As a leading member of Nato, West Germany had long stated its clear objective of removing battlefield and short-range nuclear weapons from the front line between East and West

"How much stronger that process will become if it comes from a confederal Germany." Such pressure would be in-resistible and, with their reprocess of dying.

In political terms, the process

moval, would go much of of the remaining credibility of the Nato

Truly, it would be inoperable. Having discussed the idea of a peace treaty with one or two others, he believed that the time had come for negotiation to begin between the wartime allies and the two Germanies.

"It is beyond question that Enorpe faces both a challenge and an opportunity of historic ns as great as any in proportion the past."

They would have to work hard to prevent the rise of marrow and

6 Communism is discredited and postwar Europe, assured by Potsdam and Yalta, is in the process of dying 9

destructive nationalism or centu-ries-old animosities "from divid-ing and weakening as or from diverting as from the very important new problems that will lie ahead for our Continent in the twenty-first century."

But, with vision and vigo the leaders of Europe had a real opportunity - something which occurred only once in a lifetime
— to establish a framework of derstanding and agreement that could ensure security and cratic society for the people of Europe.

Lord Bonham-Carter (Lib

Delay on Fraser 'an insult'

It was an insult to open government and justice not to publish the inspectors' re-port into the House of Fraser, Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) said at question time. It was five years since the alleged irregularities and fraud had taken place and 18 months side the then Secretary of State (Lord Young of Graffham) had re-ceived the report.

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PERCENCE LC 4

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that he would publish the report as soon as possible consistent with the even-handed admir-

istration of justice. Grant plan for organic farms

In another reply, he said Register of Organic Food Standards had reached an advanced stage in discusorganic sector bodies through which most registrations were expected to be

Ulster Orders approved

The Electricity Supply Amendment Order, allowing the Northern Ireland vices (Special Agencies)

Parliament today Commons (2.30); Ques-tions: Treasury: Prime Minister. Motion on government financial support for English local authorities. Lords (2.30): Food Safety

Steel golden share will not be used

The Government will not use its overs for a limited period. "That golden share in British Steel to intervene in its investment de-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said at questions.

Pressure on Mr Ridley to investment decisions in Scot-land started when Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) said that the golden share had been brought into existence to protect vital national interests, which for Scotland meant the preservation of the Scottish steel industry.

British Steel was starving Ravenscraig and associated works of investment without which any paper guarantee of their future was worse than useless. Would Mr Ridley make representations to British Steel to make sure that investment was forthcoming?

purpose of the golden share in British Steel had been to protect the industry, which had been badly damaged by public ownership, from unwelcome take- ing rights for shares.

situation has not arisen, where it would be proper to use that golden share, but it is not available for the purpose which she suggests.

and I make it clear again that the Government has no intention of using it for any purpose other than that for which it was first placed there."

chairman of British Steel had recently reaffirmed that a guarantee on the future of Scottish plants still stood. "That is the position. There is no way I can intervene and it would be quite wrong for me to seek to Mr Spencer Batiste (Elmet,

stock market. Mr Ridley said that the come to agree with Mr Batiste even more strongly since Labour's policy review had said that the golden share established the principle of separating vot-

"It was made clear at the time

Later, Mr Ridley said that the

C) said that the whole concept of golden shares was alien to the Mr Ridley said that he had

Car production ready for expansion

The best news for the future of the car manufacturing industry in this country was that annual production was set to expand from 1.3 million cars to 2 million during the decade, Mr John Redwood, Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, said during question time in the Commons.

In 1988, 1,357,000 cars had been imported into the United Kingdom and 261,000 exported. Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) described the 1988 figures as appalling. They were 27 per cent worse than in

When was the Government going to get tough, like the governments of France, Italy and the United States, against Japanese imports? Why was the Government giving subsidies to Nissan and Toyota in Derby and helping them to steal the skilled labour force from

Rolls-Rovce? Mr Redwood said that Labour had presided over a huge increase in import penetration in the 1970s from 27.9 per cent to 56.3 per cent. Under the Conservative Government, penetration had remained steady at around 56 per

cent to 57 per cent. inward investment by Japanese car companies was making a big contribu-tion to the expansion of production in the United Kingdom. The Government's economic policies were working

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) asked to what extent the decline of the British car industry had resulted from the actions of trade unions in refusing to accept new industrial practices, from their restrictive oractices and strikes. And to what extent had the Japanese

a Conservative Government that believed in private enterprise and the open Mr Redwood said that the trade-unions had been aided and abetted in their destructive policies of the 1970s by the wrong policies of the Labour Government, which had given the

decided to invest here because there was

wrong signals to the car industry. The 1990s would be better with the which had proved attractive to inward

Sir David Steel (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Lib Dem) said that the problem facing consumers was that brand names had disappeared. There was no way of knowing if a car had been manufactured in this country. Spain, Germany or Italy. Could British manufactures not put appropriate stickers in

Mr Redwood said that he thought it was Liberal Democrat policy to wel-come the increase of the European

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Import penetration in manufacturing industry rose from 27 per cent in 1979 to 36 per cent in the year ended March 1989, Mr John Redwood, Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs

said at questions. The figure was criticized by Mr Clire Soley (Hammersmith, Lab), who said that it was a disgraceful record for a Government of the world's first indus-

market. Various goods assembled here had long come from components made

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that if we went on as we were, with Ford workers demanding 14 per cent pay rises as against the 3 per cent accepted in Germany with greater productivity, there would be an increase in cars imported into the United Kingdom.

management and workers to decide how best to get the right level of pay in relation to output and productivity. That was the way to protect and expand jobs and give customers a good deal. Mr Douglas Henderson (Newcastle

Mr Redwood said that it was for Ford

the supposed recovery of the British car industry with the trade deficit in automotive products of £6.5 billion in 11 months.

Was not one of the main causes the production of cars "stuffed" with components from abroad? Mr Redwood said that it was for

chicle companies to make the best commercial decisions. That was the way to get secure jobs and the best package Mr Graham Riddick (Coine Valley, C) said that the only contribution seen from the opposition Labour Party had

been the way in which £400 million of planned investment in Dundee had been stopped by their paymasters in the trade Inward investment by the Japanese had meant more jobs for the industry and huge increases in exports would follow. The threat now would come from Eastern Europe manufacturers.

had a role to play in helping rather than hindering inward investment. The attitude of Labour in government had been whining and dining — with wining spelt with an "h" — together with the issuing of lunch-time directives to car companies. They had tried that and

Mr Redwood said that trade unions

Grant aid for farmers

ventional to organic pro-duction is to be proposed in a consultation document, which will be issued shortly, Mr David Corry, Parliamentary Secretary, Min-istry of Agriculture, said in

Electricity Board to spend money to prepare for privatization, and the Health and Personal Social Ser-(Northern Ireland) Order. to provide for special health agencies in the province. were agreed by the Lords on Tuesday.

Aid reduced

Expenditure on regional assistance in England had been reduced in real terms from £594 million (at 1989) prices) in 1979 to £326.6 million last year, it was disclosed at question time Giving the figures, Mr Douglas Hogg, Minister for In-dustry, said that at 1979 prices, the regional assistance for that year was £297.6

Wakeham hints at coal action

editions vesterday. Early action to help those suffering from subsidence caused by coalmining was hinted at by Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, during the report stage of the Bill on Tuesday night.

Responding to widespread criticism of British Coal's attitude to claimants, he said

that the present state of affairs was not satisfactory. The Government had a clear

commitment to bring forward legislation

on the problem independent of privatiza-

tion of the industry. "There would seem to me to be no possibility of privatizing British Coal without clearing up the question of the liabilities and the problems

The following report of a Commons debate on the Coal Industry Bill appeared in later would describe new procedures agreed with British Coal for dealing with subsidence claims. It might be possible to get a system for settling subsidence disputes without

legislation. Many claims had already been met by British Coal. The trends were encouraging and the number of new claims continued to fall. In 1988-89, British Coal received 9,600 new claims, about 2,000 fewer than the previous year. It settled about 10,000 claims a year at a cost of nearly £50 million. The total number of cases outstanding fell by about 5,000 to a little over 26,000. That compared with a backlog of 37,000 in 1986-87 and 52,000 in 1983-84.

The Government had brought forward a

review of the disputes procedure. The

Radiation overdose cash 'too slow in coming'

simpler, quicker and cheaper way for claimants to resolve disputes with British Coal would be the outcome.

The Bill reorganizes the finances of British Coal and Mr Wakeham said: It would be neither practical nor desirable to tack subsidence provisions on to the present short, primarily financial, Bill. An Opposition new clause to ensure that the delicit that the Government is to finance should include sums to cover all outstanding claims for compensation for subsidence damage was rejected by 246 votes to 175 - Government majority, 71.

Another Opposition amendment to

The Bill was given an unopposed third

tighten the planning controls over private open-cast mining was rejected by 229 votes

to 161 - Government majority, 68.

Mackay's courts Bill victory The first clause of the Courts and Legal Services Bill, giving the Lord Chancellor power to transfer cases between the High Court and the county court, was agreed in the Lords on Tuesday night, although some peers ex-

pressed misgivings about it.

control over matters which should be the subject of primary legislation. "With the Executive dominating the Commons, an in-dependent judiciary and an independent legal profession are the only defences of our rather frail constitutional rights and I firmly believe that the duties and responsibilities of the higher judiciary for the admin-

istration of the courts should

Consultation with the Lord

Chief Justice and other senior judges was not sufficient safeguard against the abuse of power by the Executive which increasingly dominated Parliament. Lord Simon of Glaisdale (Ind) said that he agreed with the content and intention of this

However, he was disturbed by its first words: "the Lord Chancellor may by Order make provision". That was symp-

not be whittled away by any Act of Parliament of this kind." parliamentary control. tomatic of the highly authoritar-ian spirit which animated this Bill and Government.

> courts was by Order. bone, a former Lord Chancellor.



Lord Misheon, Opposition' spokesman on legal affairs, appealed to peers to approach the clause in a spirit of common sense. The obvious way to deal with detailed matters such as the transference of cases between

ing Bill. If that had been done, this muddle would not have arisen. There would have been no need for secondary legislation, nor confused drafting. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, invited peers to set out by amendment the principles which should be adopted for the transfer of cases.

He had set out the principle

said that Part One of the Bill should have been a free-stand-

which he thought should apply by saying that judicial review should be exclusive to the High Court. That was essential because it meant that the decision of any future lord chancellor on these matters would be subject to such judicial review. He had tried to specify the criteria which he believed should apply to the transfer of cases. The purpose of the clause, within the constitutional safeguard of judicial review by the High Court, was to enable

flexible arrangements to be made as to where cases could be keard. The allocation would be based on the civil justice review. The powers were carefully circumscribed.

Earlier, Lord Mishcon had moved an amendment to provide that the Lord Chancellor

until he was satisfied that there were sufficient resources to offer a reasonable level of service. That would include provision

of facilities for hearing cases

lasting more than one day so that they could be heard on subsequent, consecutive days. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) agreed that the debate would be a charade if the resources were not made available. Lord Mackay of Clashfern

the heavy load of routine work that staff had to deal with. He was now arranging for part of this to be done by other means, releasing the full-time equiva-lent of 350 staff. There were now 50 centres

present commitments and another 100 for transfer arrange-ments in 1991-92. "I am at one with the aim of

the amendment. What I doubt is

murder. physicists dismissed over the Mr Roser Freeman, Under wrong calibration of the radi-Secretary of State for Health, ation treatment machine with said that this was a matter of offers of compensation to pa- great sensitivity and confidenti-

Tony Speller (North Devon, C) sald in a short debate late on Tuesday night. He contrasted severance payments said to be between £45,000 and £50,000 to two

dragging its feet over compensa-tion for patients damaged by radiation overdoses at the Royal

Devon and Exeter Hospital. Mr

Exeter Health Authority was tients of about £5,000. In the 18 ality in which the department mouths since the mistake had was not directly involved. Sevbeen discovered, fewer than 10 settlements had been made. Money was needed now. The

A new version of his department's review was now under way and he hoped a

Government must do something to help these people. "The Government should not allow the health authority to almost literally get away with

erance payments had been made to two physicists. Their amounts were confidential, but the figures mentioned by Mr Speller were

Of the 207 patients affected, 121 had since died though not necessarily earlier than they would have done without the overdoses. These were cancer Of the 86 survivors, 35 were

only a small part of their treatment had been on the wrongly calibrated machine. Claims had been received from 103 patients of which 95 were still awaiting final settlement. The authority was anxious

ages might take longer. "I am advised that there is no dilatoriness on behalf of the thought to have received in- health authority."

to pay all claims for pain and suffering before the end of April.

Other claims for special dam-

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Lord Rippon: Surrender of

Lord Hailsham of St Maryle-

said that there had been diffi-culties in running the county courts. One of the problems was

throughout the country available to hear continuing trials on consecutive days and a further were in course of preparation. He was also in a position to get a further 350 staff to meet

whether it is appropriate that this should be put in this form in The amendment was rejected

should make no Order to trans-fer work to the county courts by 99 votes to 69 — Government majority 30.

BRITAIN'S TOP

10 POLLUTANTS

glia says there is no consensus as

to which pollutants pose the

"There are pollutants that other

people perceive as a risk which I

do not - such as nitrates in water,

PCBs, dioxins from incinerators

and low-level nuclear waste," says Ball, who compiled our list. "On

the other hand, I have included

atmospheric gases, because we are

overloading the atmosphere; and although radon is not a pollutant

as such, human activity has led to

dangerous to health. I have also

included lead because this will be

1 Atmospheric greenhouse and trace gases from fuel combustion.

evaporation of chemicals, and

agriculture. The gases, including

carbon dioxide amd methane, are leading to global climate changes

2 Halogenated solvents from toxic

and non-toxic waste disposal. If

ground water is contaminated by

these and other industrial chemi-

cals it can give rise to cancer risks.

Antibiotics from medical and

veterinary usage. Inappropriate

use has led to development of

bacterial strains which can no

with unknown consequences.

with us for a long time."

becoming concentrated and

greatest dangers to our health.

David Ball of the

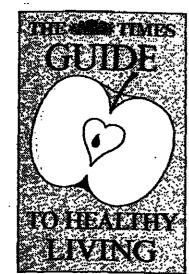
Environmental Risk

Assessment Unit at the

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Is your environment friendly?



Part 4: Fiends of the Earth

You are what you eat, drink, and breathe. But is it doing you harm? **Ann Kent reports**

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n just a few years, public indifference about the environment has been replaced with public alarm. Our surroundings are now mentioned so often, and in such a negative way, that it seems as if even the simple act of being can damage your health.

How much does where you live affect your health? The first problem in trying to assess just how far we have polluted our environment, and how this has affected our health, lies with the lack of hard scientific information. Timothy O'Riordan, professor of environmental sciences at the University of East Anglia, in Norwich, says: "Once the EC's **Environmental Protection Agency** is set up and begins its monitoring activities, we should have a better idea about what is going on."

O'Riordan points out that our drinking water and air are far purer than those endured by our Victorian ancestors. Housing and sanitation have improved beyond all recognition and, he says, the chance of dying of a pollutioninduced disease is lower than it has ever been. "But this is no reason for complacency," he says.
Judith Gubbay, of Which? the
Consumer's Association maga-

zine, thinks that in some parts of the country we would definitely benefit from not drinking tap water. "Some water supplies do not come up to EC regulations, and some of the substances involved have a known health risk.

knows," she says. Gubbay was one of the authors

of a Which? investigation into water pollution. Its report, published last February, and based on information supplied by the Department of the Environment. showed that water authorities in the Midlands, East Anglia, Tyneside and parts of Scotland failed to measure up to EC standards. The pollutants were aluminium, manganese, iron, lead and mitrate. However, this information is now out of date, and the department has not revealed which water authorities are still

failing to come up to scratch. Gubbay advises anyone who is concerned to write to their water authority and ask about the purity of the supply and whether it conforms to EC regulations. People who are really worned

could consider water filters.
Friends of the Earth has focused on air pollution as a serious environmental health hazard. Last August, it published its report on 'Air Pollution and Health"

"Last year the World Health Organization guidelines for ozone, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide levels were breached several times in Britain," says Fiona Weir of FoE.

The Government announced last year that it would make ozone pollution data available to the Press a day after any "smog" incident. The people who are at risk during such episodes, accord-

and young children, as well as people suffering from asthma, bronchitis and heart disease.

She estimates the number of those at risk to be one in five of the population, but admits that it "almost impossible" to prove the harm scientifically because statistics on how many asthma attacks occur during a pollution episode are not collected.

he risk of air pollution should be reduced after 1992, when the fitting of catalytic converters will be compulsory on all new cars. But FoE is concerned that by the time the new regulations are enforced, six million new and, for the most part, unconverted cars will have been sold. In statistical terms there are striking variations in the health enjoyed by people in different regions around the country. According to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, the overall number of deaths from diseases is highest among men in

Deaths from heart disease are highest in Scotland and Northern Ireland. A woman in Scotland runs almost twice the risk of succumbing to a heart attack as her counterpart in East Anglia, which has the lowest rate in the

The North-South divide also applies to victims of cancer. The

highest mortality rates for death by cancer in men occur in the north of England and Scotland. Men in the south-west of England have the lowest cancer mortality rate. Among women, those in the north of England have the highest cancer death rate.

Infant mortality rates, a good indicator of health and health care, are highest in Yorkshire and Humberside. According to Professor Walter Holland, president of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians, there are a number of reasons for these regional differences. "Coronary heart disease, for example, is commoner in the west and north-west than in the east and south-east, and is commoner in Scotland and Wales than in England. One major reason is the wide variation in how much people smoke. Diet and obesity are another factor, and another reason is possibly associated with the water supply. Studies have shown that people who live in soft water areas have a higher mortality rate than people who live in hard water areas."

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund has carried out a detailed study of the suggested links between cancer and proximity to nuclear installations.

According to Dr Sarah Darby, medical statistician with the ICRF who carried out the study: 'There is absolutely no evidence that cancers in general are more common near Britain's 15 principal nuclear installations." But, while there is no general increase in cancer rates, childhood leukaemia is about 20 per cent more common round nuclear installations. However, Darby and her colleagues checked cancer

rates at sites where nuclear installations had been seriously considered but never built, and found that leukaemia rates were about 20 per cent higher around these sites as well. "It may be something to do with rural conditions or the geography of the areas," she says.

The self-pollution caused by tobacco inhalation is a greater threat to health. Smoking causes 90 per cent of lung cancers, and is also an important cause of heart disease, strokes, mouth and throat cancers and is strongly linked with cervical cancer, facial wrinkling, osteoporosis, stomach ulcers and

"Passive" smokers may also be at risk: Dr Martin Jarvis of the ICRFs health behaviour unit estimates that there is a 30 per cent greater risk of lung cancer among non-smokers who live with

We also think passively inhaling a colleague's smoke at work has an effect," he says. "Research has shown that people who are near smokers inhale between 0.7 per cent and 1 per cent of their cigarettes. They would be at the same risk of disease as smokers, but at a much lower level." Additional research by Sara Driver

longer be effectively treated by antibiotics. Wound infections and septicaemia are increasing. 4 Radon from naturally occurring radioactive gas, which can become concentrated in buildings. Average indoor exposure presents a lifetime risk of lung cancer.

5 Noise and vibration from traffic and the modern urban environment has a psychological impact. 6 Nitrogen dioxide mainly from oxidation of nitric oxide which, in turn, is produced by motor vehicles, combustion plants and, indoors, by unvented combustion appliances such as gas cookers. The effects on individuals is likely to be small, although a large part of the population is exposed. Causes lung damage, especially for asthmatics and bronchitics.

7 Lead from ingestion of contaminated dust, paint, food and water. Car emissions are declining due to unleaded petrol. Affects the central nervous system and possibly blood pressure; thought to reduce intelligence and cause abnormal behaviour. Pre-school children are at greatest risk.

Environmental tobacco smoke from involuntary inhalation, Passive smoking gives rise to some risk of lung cancer in non-

Pathogenic organisms discharged into the rivers and sea from sewage. Contains viruses which cause enteric infections.

10 Photochemical oxidants from atmospheric chemical reactions involving nitrogen oxide and hydrocarbons emitted from various fuel combustion sources, especially vehicles, industrial processes and solvent evaporation. Evidence suggests a doubling of background ozone concentration over the past century, with a risk of chest and respiratory tract

Sara Driver



Jacqueline Glass and children: "I take vitamins C, E and beta carotene, and ginseng when I need a boost"

VITANINS AND NO BEEF IN HEALTH-CONSCIOUS EAST ANGLIA

acqueline Glass, aged 35, lives in the village of Holbrook in East Anglia — said to be the healthiest region in the UK. She moved there from London three years ago, but is not sure that her present home is any healthier than her last one. "Farming in East Anglia is particularly intensive, and the results of that are unhealthy as far as I am concerned. Because of pollution people couldn't swim in the river or play water sports on the reservoir last summer."

Glass keeps chickens and tries to eat home-grown, chemical-free produce whenever possible. She prefers to drink mineral water rather than risk tap water, which has been shown in the past to have high levels of nitrates. "We haven't had beef for months because of worries about mad cow disease, and the thought of scrapie is putting me off lamb."

Her two young children have orange juice and cod liver oil every morning, and fluoride tablets for their teeth. "I take vitamins C, E and beta carotene, and inseng when I feel I need a boost. It's difficult to say if these things are making us healthier - we don't know how healthy we would have been if we didn't bother." A large proportion of the housekeeping money goes on fruit, although they don't buy apples or apple juice because of fears about sprays.

She and Julian Fookes, her partner, have cut down from daily drinking to an occasional drink at weekends, and neither of them smokes. "I find that I have so much more energy the next day if I don't drink. Even a couple of glasses of wine seem to make a difference. I have just started meditating for half an hour before I go to bed. I enjoy just sitting there doing something for myself."



Nigel Webster: "I have cut down my drinking now to a pint or two a night, but that's just part of maturing"

GLOOM LIFTING IN THE HEART-DISEASE CAPITAL, GLASGOW

igel Webster, aged 27, has no intention of moving out of Glasgow, even if it is the unhealthiest part of Britain and the heart disease capital of the world. "It doesn't take much imagination to see why Glasgow is so unhealthy," he says. "You just have to stand in the middle of one of the most deprived estates. People living there don't give a damn about their health, they're more concerned with finding the money to feed the kids, getting the damp walls sorted out, and leaving the neighbourhood. Food, cigarettes and drink are what make their lives worthwhile."

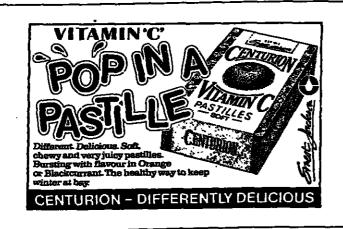
However, Webster, co-owner of a sports equipment shop, says he feels his own health has improved since he was in his teens. "I smoked 20 cigarettes a day and drank several pints most nights when I was at college, and I did no exercise. I tried five-a-side football

"Five years ago I started to play badminton to improve my fitness, and three years ago I realized I would never play well unless I stopped smoking, so I did. I have cut down my drinking to a pint or two a night, but that didn't involve a conscious effort. It is part of maturing. You know how you are going to feel next day if you over-indulge.

"I drink a lot of fruit juice, and I think my diet is healthy enough. I would like to get involved with hillwalking, because from Glasgow you have access to some of the most beautiful countryside you can imagine. I think Glasgow is very aware of its poor health record, and things are getting better in terms of sports amenities and the raising of awareness. We have lost a lot of our heavy industry, and I imagine the air is cleaner than many places in the Midlands.

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for parents' peace of mind by pointing out that the child is father of the man. Many parents worry that their example may be misleading children; that their encouragement, well-meant as it is, may be interpreted by the child as pressure to succeed; or that their choice of diet may establish eating habits which will lead their children to the coronary care unit

Nor have parents been re-assured by the tendency of sociologists and psychologists to discount heredity in the dev-elopment of adult personalities,

and an early grave.

and even physique, and to ascribe greater importance to the environ-ment, particularly that of early childhood. There is no doubt that personality is in part inherited, but the extent to which it develops may well be related to background. Children brought up in households where pleasure, grief or anger are suppressed are unlikely to be demonstrative adults, and are more predisposed to stress-related disease.

Growing up healthily

Encouragement is all-important to children and should not be withheld. If children feel they are not loved for themselves but for their achievements, the foundations are laid for the Type A adult

personality, with its unremitting urge to compete, its aggression, its impatience, and doubled risk of a coronary thrombosis. As the adult stress-prone personality lacks selfesteem, parents must endeavour to develop a sense of self-worth in children, who must be shown that

parental love is unconditional. As with mental fitness, so with physical fitness. Quite apart from establishing a pattern of daily exercise, encouraging children to take exercise by teaching them to swim and cycle will help them form friendships.

There can be no excuse, how-

ever, for trying to coach an average performer into becoming a world star; there will be tears at the time and recriminations for decades afterwards. Nor should young children be encouraged to take part in adult sports -marathons, for instance - where damage can be done to the growing points of the long bones. Eating habits, too, can be established in childhood. The child weaned on to chips is unlikely to become health-food conscious in later life. Children's diet holds a twofold danger. At one extreme, the harried parent may be tempted to feed a family on quickly prepared or pre-cooked convenience foods; these will often have a high fat content, low on fibre. minerals and vitamins. At the other end of the spectrum, the over-caring parent in the muesli belt may select a diet so high in fibre and low in fat that the child's absorption of minerals and vitamins may be restricted.

It has been suggested recently that some children from these homes are actually having their growth stunted by these diets becoming, as one nutritionist terms them, "muesli dwarfs".

A good mixed diet of lean meat, fish, fresh fruit and vegetables will not only provide the necessary proteins, calories, minerals and vitamins for healthy growth, but is likely to lead to healthy eating habits in later life.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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or the first time since King Michael was forced out at gunpoint by the communists in 1948, an immediate member of the Romanian royal family returns to Bucharest today to see for herself the destruction wrought by the Ceausescu years. Princess Margarita, Michael's 40-year old eldest daughter - and strongest can-didate for heir to the throne should it ever be restored - plans to travel round the country with her younger sister, Princess Sophie, to evaluate what needs to be done to restore some of its wrecked architectural heritage. It will be the first time either woman has ever seen Romania; both were born in the West after their father's enforced departure. Part of their plan, I suspect, is to deflect any monarchical limelight from Prince Paul, who flew in last week on a somewhat farcical mercy mission. Paul, son of King Michael's half-brother, is regarded by the real royals as an interloper on the regal scene. Such internecine rivalry, I fear, will not improve anyone's chances of recovering the throne.

alking of statues, as Master Levin is doing just east of here, how many of Stalin are left standing in Eastern Europe? Demolishing hated symbols of the old regime and smashing them to bits has become a major industry. But the citizens of the Czechoslovak town of Zabreh are being altogether more clever, indeed capitalist, about their 15ft sandstone monument to Uncle Joe, recently removed from the town centre by popular demand. They are offering it for sale to collectors, believing it to be one of the last of its kind still intact. The Civil Forum committee implores me to bring this to your attention, and suggests bids start at \$50,000. It tells me "This money will be used for social purposes, especially for equipment of local hospitals. The new owner will have not only a unique curiosity but he will support the struggle of Czech people for renewal of their democracy." Serious bidders may contact me for

• An Iranian visiting Azerbaijan recently was awakened in his Baku botel room at 3am by the manageress bearing vodka and wishing to show solidarity with the Islamic revolution. Two good reasons there for the holy men of Tehran to keep their distance.

Sting, the British rock star, has been in Brazil adding his voice to the protests against an estimated 45,000 illegal gold prospectors who have invaded the land of the Yanomami Indians in the Amazon basin. Representing his own Rainforest Foundation, Sting had an audience this week with the Brazilian president, Jose Sarney, who announced that 18,000 of the intruders had been persuaded to move off without a shot being fired. I don't, however, know which parts of his repertoire Sting performed to frighten them away.

BARRY FANTONI



Most interesting. You're suffering

¬ wo final winners in my Christmas contest to provide an item suitable for this column ten years hence. A bottle of The Glenlivet single malt whisky to Peter Taberner of Bristol for: "The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking at the recent AGM synod of Church of England plc, said she was disappointed by the failure of the flotation of Durham Cathedral, but a refinancing deal with Cardinal Noriega, President of the Vatican Bank, had recently been successfully concluded. Following the Mass walk-out earlier this year, the white collar union representing vicars and curates had agreed a pay deal in line with inflation, currently 125%."

And another to Peter Fleming of S Helens for: "Lord Branson of Bratislava go himself into hot water yesterday with his latest hot-air balloon, which is a full-scale model of Canterbury Cathedral (by arrangement with Dr Madge Tapscott, the Archbishess of Canterbury, of course). Richard hovered too low over the Mi Horseway near Milton Keynes, frightening 24 Clydesdales which were pulling a Euro-Juggercart. All three southbound bridleways were blocked, causing long delays. Queues stretched as far back as the Nosebag Halt service area at Watford Gap. Branson later apologized to travellers by heliograph." My thanks to all who took part.

he recent discussion of pay awards has a depressingly familiar ring. Ford is said to be setting a "going rate" of over 10 per cent which will be followed by others, not only in manufacturing. "Pay explo-sion," scream the headlines. Ministers urge restraint and warn of the consequences of

irresponsibility. For the best part of 30 years successive governments sought to cajole employers towards a set figure for annual pay rises regardless of whether they had been earned or not. The result was a low-pay, low-productivity economy slipping inexorably down the league table of international competitiveness. The norm became an entitlement.

Only since the trading sector broke free of the going-rate mentality have we started to regain international competitiveness. Employers are constantly balancing the need to pay no more - and no less - than is required to attract and keep the necessary skills and commitment against the need to remain cost-competitive.

With the price of manufactured goods in the shops rising by around 4 per cent per year, it is clear that such a balance can be achieved only with improved performance. Since 1980, manuJohn Banham on the perils of paying something for nothing

No return to a going rate

facturing productivity in Britain has risen by some 60 per cent overall, though with widely varying performances. The CBI's Pay Databank shows that employers expect to achieve further substantial improvements, on average of about 6 per cent, this year.

CBI data show that during the first half of the 1980s at least two-thirds of all firms linked pay to productivity, and the trend has continued since. Employment has risen to record levels, and, according to a recent consumer survey, there has been a perceived improvement in the quality of British-made goods. Export revenues (excluding oil) have been particularly buoyant; Britain's share of world manufactured exports is now rising, probably for the first time this century. It is not generally recognized that we export more, per head of population, than Japan. All this shows what can be

achieved when employers are

free to build pay structures that

suit their circumstances, and to they must in a competitive pursue wage settlements that are financed by real improvements in performance. And at least one manufacturer in three is still achieving productivity improvements that outstrip the corresponding pay settlements.

To say this is not to underestimate the difficulties of maintaining progress towards an internationally competitive manufacturing base, which holds the key to redressing our balance of payments deficit and curbing inflation. With poorer prospects for growth in the domestic market, manufacturers are having to redouble their export efforts to cover investment costs under a high interest rate regime. Since mid-1988, when interest rates took off, employers have also been grappling with inflationary pressures on pay.

Despite the improvement, the link between pay and performance is still not strong enough to ensure that in all cases unit labour costs fall year by year, as world. If they do not, the result will be fewer jobs. That is why the CBI emphasizes that pay rises must always be linked to improved productivity. There can be only one going rate. It is for unit labour costs. And our international competitors have ensured that it must be negative.

Any manufacturer who fails to understand that pay increases need to be financed by improved performance is not likely to survive for long in the new decade. But more of the nation's wealth creators will actively flourish if four conditions are

Pay must reflect performance in the public and private services as well as in manufacturing. It is noteworthy that throughout the ambulance dispute there has been almost no discussion of improving the performance of the ambulance services in terms of patient care, vehicle and staff utilization, cost per patient-mile and the like. The problem may

are paid too little; they may simply not be paid what they ought to be worth.

We must avoid those inflationary own-goals which result in headline inflation of about 8 per cent while the price of goods in the shops is rising only half as fast. Unnecessary increases in local business rates, electricity and water charges - not to mention borrowing costs - fuel wage demands (through their impact on the Retail Price Index) as well as adding to cost pressures directly. Such owngoals cannot be afforded under any circumstances, particularly

the present. The momentum of investment - in skills and innovation as well as in the infrastructure and new production capacity must be maintained. The underlying cause of our inflationary tendencies is generally agreed: the lack of savings and investment, and excessive consump-tion on the back of a speculative

boom in housing. While South Korea has a personal savings ratio of more than 30 per cent of GDP (and has seen its GDP increase from \$80 to \$5,000 a head in a generation) we are struggling to achieve 5 per cent. In the run-up to 1992, investment in all its aspects must be our priority. Personal tax cuts will have to wait, however

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delightful they would be Pay must be related still more directly to performance so that, as performance improves (and only then), employees receive better rewards. Profit-related pay has an important role to play. So has employee share ownership: no substitute has yet been developed for the owner's eye in any

Treating the symptoms rather than the underlying causes of any condition can be dangerous - for the patient, if not the doctor. At present pay rises are not creating unemployment. Nor are they boosting the rate of inflation. Nor are they hitting investment. But they will assuredly do all these things in 1990 if the concept of a going rate for pay, regardless of performance, again takes hold. We forget where we came from at our peril.

The author is Director-General of

Mockery that helped topple an empire

t must be splendid to be a citizen of Czechoslovakia today, despite the difficulties, hardships and dangers that have inevitably accompanied the Eastern Revolution. But one form of rejoicing must particularly warm the heart of every free spirit there; the glori-ous work of pulling down and smashing the statues and portraits of the tyrants who set their persecutors as viceroys over them. But I hope somebody -President Havel will surely see the point - is at this moment commissioning a bust of The Good Soldier Svejk. If you do not know who the Good Soldier Svejk is (you may know him as Schweik), you have a jolly time coming; if you do know, you are having a jolly time already.

Jaroslav Hasek was literally as well as metaphorically a Bohemian; but it was the metaphorical side which led to his countless adventures in his various roles as drunkard, fraud, rioter, anarchist, practical joker, blackmailer, journalist, pauper, lunatic, would-be suicide, soldier, malingerer, deserter, linguist, Bolshevik and genius. The book he wrote chronicled the adventures in the First World War of his magnificently un-heroic hero, Svejk (much of Svejk's character and escapades are based on Hasek's own life), and the work is deeply, passionately, wittily and devastatingly subversive. Subversive, that is, of order, religion, authority, respectability and propriety. I would not be surprised to learn that it was banned throughout the years of Czechoslovakia's via crucis.

If it wasn't, it should have been: Svejk sums up his political philosophy by saying "An empire as idiotic as this one doesn't deserve to exist." He meant, of course, the Austro-Hungarian, but it was even more apt to the Soviet begemony, and the ribaldry with which the book is filled should have put the Soviet satraps on their guard.

This flawed but immortal masterpiece was translated into English during the Second World War, which was when I, as a schoolboy, discovered and revelled in it. It figured, by a bizarre trick of fate, in the Lady Chatterley trial. That wonderful booby, Mervyn Griffith-Jones, suggested that Penguin could have published Chatterley without the rude bits (what he called "the bouts"). Allen Lane gently pointed out that Penguin's rule was never to expurgate or cut the books they published, but Griffith-Jones said that Schweik (the German spelling, used in the Penguin version) had been abridged, whereupon Lane, even more gently, explained that government regulations controlling paper (very scarce in the war) had made it impossible to publish it in its entirety. Mind you, if Griffith-Jones had actually read it, he would have been tempted to sling it into the dock alongside Lawrence, for there are some of his "bouts" in it, to say nothing of the most appalling blasphemy. In the early Seventies, a retired



Bernard Levin suggests a tangible memorial to the idle, lying,

cheating anarchist whose deeds lit Czechoslovakia's years of darkness

diplomat, Sir Cecil Parrott, set himself to put Hasek's masterpiece on its proper plane, which is where Rabelais stands, beside Tristram Shandy and Penguin Island. His labours in this work are hevond praise: first he translated the entire book, which must amount to some 350,000 words; next, he wrote a biography of Hasek, under the title The Bad Bohemian, finally, he produced a comprehensive critical study of Hasek's work.

t was always unlikely that Svejk (the Czech spelling, which Parrott preferred) will ever be forgotten, but with the monument that Parrott built him, it is quite certain that he will not. Hasek was fortunate in having an artist friend, Josef Lada who (after Hasek's death) drew the pictures with which the book is adorned, and it is impossible for anyone who has read it, and seen Lada's drawings, ever to imagine Svejk looking like anything else. (Alas, Parrott died in 1984, or we should surely have had still more

Svejk's technique for keeping out of trouble - or, more exactly, for getting out of trouble - is to assume the guise of an imbecile, though in truth he is stuffed with cunning, the cunning of the shrewd and wily poor, which has through the centuries defeated any number of bureaucrats, policemen, employers, officers and dictators. The book, indeed, starts at exactly that point: Svejk is arrested for speaking disrespectfully about the emperor, and in no time has persuaded the psychiatrists that he is an idiot, fit for the lunatic asylum rather than prison. His description of

his time there gives an immediate flavour of the book: I really don't know why those I really don't know why those loonies get so angry when they're kept there. You can crawl naked on the floor, how! like a jackal, rage and bite... A chap can pass himself off as God Almighty, the Virgin Mary, the Pope, the King of England His Impaction Maintry. England, His Imperial Majesty even pretended to be St Cyril and St Methodius just to get a double portion... The wildest who pretended to be the

Encyclopedia and asked every-body to open him and find the entry: "Cardboard box sta-pling machine"... It really was like living in paradise there. You could kick up a row, fight, sing, cry, bleat, yell, jump, say your prayers, turn someraults, crawl on all fours, hop, run about, dance, skip, squat all day on your haunches and climb up the wall.

The Rabelais comparison is inescapable, but Hasek's imagination was more realistic; the whole book consists of the appalling scrapes Svejk gets into, and gets others into as well. One of my favourites is the drunken chaplain, Otto Katz, who is given Svejk as a batman, later to gamble him away at cards. The very mildest item in Katz's catalogue of defrockabilities is his attempt to administer extreme unction, which ends with the chaplain telling Svejk to polish his boots with the holy liquid and Svejk using it to oil

ot only is The Good Soldier Svejk a picaresque novel so vividly funny as to be quite unforgettable. It is something more, much more: an anarchical yell of triumph, over all those who have power and abuse it. That victory, as we all know, is hard won; you cannot really laugh an empire into disintegration, though you can make its servants wish they had never been born. That is what Hasek and Svejk between them do, and I cannot but believe that in the long night of oppression, the Czechoslovaks treasured the book as a gospel.

It is hardly a gospel that a bishop could approve of, though it does insist that the meek shall inherit the earth. The bishop would jib, however, when it comes to the methods the meek are to use in order to gain their inheritance. Skiving, lying, thieving, cheating — all's fair for the underdog, who has no hope other than the hope be can make for himself, by worming his way into ordered society and releasing a bag of termites, confident that in time they can be left to

bring down the structure.
Why do you suppose that humour, in oppressive societies, is invariably watched with suspicion and put down without compunction? Ask the termites; if you can laugh at the wicked, their fate is sealed. Jaroslav Hasek and his great creation laughed at every kind of obedience, order, structure, tradition, rank, respect, deference and law; they laughed because what they were laughing at deserved to be pulled down and burnt to ashes. In the annals of Czechoslovakia the good soldier Svejk should have a hallowed form and place. I ask President Havel: can you think of a more hallowed form and place for him than Wencesias Square? Forward, the sculptors of Bohemia!

Sir Cecil Parrott's translation of Svejk is published by Heinemann, The Bad Bohemian by

Ronald Butt

Keep cool on Hong Kong

hy do people who vaunt their liberalmindedness assume that any politician who has misgivings when a significant episode of immigration is in prospect must be trying to use racial populism to further his own political ends? Why cannot the matter be argued straight?

The question struck me again on reading the terms in which Julian Critchley, in The Observer last Sunday, discussed Norman Tebbit's position on the Government's plan to give British citizenship to 225,000 selected people from Hong Kong. Critchley, who sits on a large

Tory majority as MP for Aldershot, luxuriates in the political independence of a backbencher who knows that if he ever had a baton in his knapsack he lost it long ago while exercising his caustic wit against Mrs Thatcher. Asking the question "What's Norm up to?" he answered it by suggesting that Hong Kong could be Tebbit's chance of a lifetime. ("What price the Yellow Peril?") Could working-class Tebbit have latched on to immigration and race, the one issue giving him "a separate identity", to further his ambition to succeed Mrs Thatcher? Many, according to Critchley, think so. He ends by saying that Tebbit "will not be forgiven if he stirs up the mud on the race issue".

Yet if Tebbit does indeed represent a constituency in the country, what is wrong with that provided he genuinely agrees with it? All good politics are grounded on consent and should have regard to what the majority of the people want. It never pays to trick them, which is precisely what has happened over immigration for the past 30 years. If the people had been told straight the size and consequences of the immigration that was in store it is inconceivable they would have accepted it, Instead the prospective figures were repeatedly underestimated and the likely consequences camouflaged.

Suppose the consequences could have been seen in a crystal bail: that an essentially alien enclave with little point of contact with the native culture would be statistically dominant in large urban areas; that there would be many schools where the British cultural and linguistic elements were in a minority; that sometimes this would create educational disadvantage for those whose home language was English; that teachers who drew attention to this would be sacked, as were some who were accused of "colonialism" because they taught English instead

of "multi-culturalism"... Suppose it could have been foreseen that Salman Rushdie would still be in hiding after a year because of a death sentence from a religious leader which some Muslims in this country seem unwilling to condemn in a forthright way. For some "liberals" who have opposed every practical attempt to limit immigration, as well as standing for total permissiveness in "free

produced intellectual torture. In her article on Azerbaijan on this page yesterday. Tamara Dragadze declared that although some call the conflict there ethnic, "it is really a territorial dispute". But all ethnic disputes are ultimately about territory, and if territory were not an issue in some sense there would be no dispute. It is natural for human beings to want to live in a broadly homogeneous culture on

a shared territory. (Small minor-

ities are more easily tolerated than large.) All this teaches that it is wrong to cast accusations of racism at those who are wary about immigration. The question of the 50,000 Hong Kong citizens se-lected for their special skills who, with their families, are to be given British citizenship before 1997 so that they have the confidence to stay in Hong Kong needs cool debate. The key question whenever large immigration is in prospect is whether the newcomers will accept assimilation in the majority culture. The people from Hong Kong may well be more easily absorbed than other groups. But that still leaves open the question of numbers, and also whether confidence will actually be inspired by the

present plan.

t is easy to see why the Government has reached a compromise of allowing British citizenship to key pro- & fessional people now, in the hope that it will give them the confidence not to leave. But the difficulties in the plan, which is still to be worked out, are very clear. The full 50,000 will not be designated at once; it will be done in tranches (say 10,000 at a time?) in each of which there will be various numbers of accountants, solicitors and so on. But as more and more of the 50,000 are named, will those not selected remain confident that they will be in the final batches? Will the whole business not look invidious as between one person and another of equal qualifications?

It would be more sensible to wait and see what happens after 1997. But the Government says it cannot do so since Labour's refusal to underwrite pledges has robbed Hong Kong people of confidence in pledges that are deferred. Labour should clarify its unacceptable "all or none" stance. Its claim that admitting Hong Kong professionals would affront those with Indian sub-continent relations who are wairing to come here only shows how wrong it was to allow a flood of economic migrants to make it harder to take any genuine political refugees.

Nothing that is suggested now is very relevant to what would happen if there were a potential flood after 1997. That is the ultimate question and it would be a world problem. In the meantime, when the Government's Bill is ready, it must be discussed honestly and on the basis of its consequences, without any dangers and false accusations of racism.

ticket and see this engaging film. I was particularly taken by a minor actor called The Fireside Gourmet: a bearded phoney with a modulated English accent who has a weekly TV spot in which he assesses restaurants. There were two aspects of his performance that disturbed me: first he played the part as if he were Donald Sinden but was not Donald Sinden, and Donald Sinden is alive and well and would almost certainly have played it better; secondly I was on my way home

before I realized that what had

bothered me is that the language

speaking. I opened a food guide at

If you should happen by a cinema

showing Mystic Pizza, buy a

random: "Not only the epitome of outstanding cuisine but a seminal establishment whence celebrated chefs have sallied forth to delight

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our palates," "A study in refinement and presentation further enhanced by well-instructed waiters. Food of distinction served in the stylish ambiance beyond a welcoming lobby-lounge featuring splendidly ornate lofty ceiling mouldings while pastoral motifs adorn the murals. The booklined bar is conducive to attaining the mood in which to enjoy the well-

balanced menu featuring such

eclectic delights as foie gras in of gastro-criticism is not for Savoy cabbage." What has gone wrong with the food writing business is that there is nothing new to write about, so that scribes publish ever more convoluted assessments of eateries, usually writ in the light of

what their rivals have written about the same place. With a few notable exceptions they deploy a prose-style that is hard to read aloud with conviction - or a straight face. In their defence it must be said that London gastrohacks striving to break new ground have a hard time of it, for the days of discovery are over. I was born too late to be party

to some of the great expeditions, missed the halcyon days when you got into the boat, upped the sail and came back a year later having discovered India. Australia, tobacco or the Costa del Sol. Now the world is charted, the stratosphere retains only few secrets that might make the front



At last I scoop the fat-pack

CLEMENT FREUD

page of The Sunday Sport, and when it comes to catering establishments it is a minor miracle to find anywhere that has not already been praised, condemned, noticed to have lost its

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first fine flourish, written off, revived, sunk and sought change of usage to become an estate agent's office. Each of these stages is chronicled by a different journalist, for there is no mileage in the Daily Snout's man agreeing with anything penned by the scribe on Freak Out.

Yet it remains the ambition of every food writer to discover; to be the first to find a place of quality and see his appreciation framed in the restaurant's window, his name on the display advertisements. Well, I have discovered a place. A place that no one else has found, whose name has never appeared in print It is a haven of culinary

originality and excellence ~ missed by the entire profession, of which I was once a member.

The food is exciting, the atmosphere relaxed (it is so often the other way round), and an immaculate starter of beautiful goat's cheese on a bed of fresh spinach, rocket and chicory in an inspired dressing costs £2.95. Spinach Tortellini dressed with slivers of smoked salmon served in a cream and lemon sauce costs £2.95 also, as does wonderfully fresh grilled tuna fish on a bed of haricot beans spiked with red onion and olive oil. The same price gets you as perfect a rarre de citron with caramelized orange and Cointreau as you will find in

the metropolis. Each dish comes in a closed straw basket perched on other closed straw baskets the sort of container in which you would expect to find Chinese dim-sura. Olive bread is hot and freshly baked and costs £1. House wine is £6.50 and Beck's beer comes in tankards that have rested in the deep freeze.

How is it, do I hear readers ask, that you found this amazing establishment of which no one else has made mention? I have to admit, with customary modesty, that I have a nose for these things. Also I might have been lucky: the place opened on Monday, which is a boon to a man who writes his column on Wednesday for Thursday. It's called Tall Order, and the address is 676 Fulham Road, SW6 (telephone 371 9673); open 6pm to midnight Monday to Saturday, and for weekend

Jobs geared to

the importance of both parents in

Until last year I worked as a

community medical officer for

children under five. I saw many

disturbed, unhappy children, am-

ong them one sad, small boy in

particular. His mother worked. In

the morning he was taken straight to a child-minder, who gave him

breakfast. She then took him to a

pre-school unit, where he spent

the morning. She picked him up

and looked after him until his

mother fetched him and took him

home to bed. Small wonder that

he woke in the night wanting his

some children whose parents are

too busy and tired to take a real

interest in their children's needs

and who do not provide a happy

family unit leave home in their teens and land on our streets, with

all the dangers that that entails,

From the Chairman of the Equal

Sir, Norman Fowler's resignation

has provoked a flurry of com-

ments about how so many jobs are

not yet "family-friendly". At the

Equal Opportunities Commission

we very much welcome this

debate; our strategy for the 1990s

is to help men, as well as women,

be effective and responsible family

members, as well as effective and

As we are all increasingly faced

with work and family changes, we

hope both employers and the

Government will develop coher-

ent and practical policies backed

by adequate resources which will

The challenge of this decade is

about removing traditional bar-

riers and opening up the opportu-

nities for developing individual

skill and creative energy; it is

about working together, about more sharing and a better balance and recognition of who does what at work and at home.

Yours faithfully, JOANNA FOSTER, Chairman.

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January 8.

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particularly in winter.

MARY FEETHAM.

l Bacon's Lane,

Highgate, N6.

January 15.

am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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PATERNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The steady rise in the incidence of marital breakdown and a change in social and sexual mores have combined to make single-parenthood, once very uncommon, almost the rule in certain parts of Britain. It is usually the father who is absent; and increasingly, absent fathers are failing to meet their moral and legal obligations to support the family for which they are still responsible.

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The Prime Minister, in the course of a general and welcome statement on the importance of defending family life last night, signalled her intention to raise the pressure on errant fathers to meet these obligations. For some time voices have been heard in the Conservative Party calling for a new approach to the question. It is an issue on which the Government cannot help being involved, as it is to statutory agencies funded by the taxpayer that single parents have to look, once an absent father defaults on his financial responsibilities. If personal morality has failed - and it is difficult to think of a more blatant moral failure than that of a father who refuses to support his own child - the State has the right to look to coercion instead.

It is appalling that only about a quarter of absent fathers now contribute to the maintenance of their children. There are reasons for thinking that the present arrangement for the provision of social security benefit for single mothers does actually encourage some fathers to try to avoid their responsibilities. They know that if they fail, the State will provide instead. It is not that difficult, and the tactics of evasion and procrastination are easily picked up. The present means for collecting maintenance payments have proved seriously inadequate, therefore, and may in some cases actually increase poverty among lone mothers with young children.

The difficulty of shaping Government policy is that it would not be acceptable, nor more than marginally effective, to try to discourage fathers from avoiding their financial duty by penalizing their children, that is to say by cutting benefit in the hope that their fathers

would make good the shortfall. Such children are deprived enough already, and Mrs Thatcher's expression of heartfelt concern for them last night was at least as much that of a mother and grandmother as of a Prime Minister. To that extent the Government is in a cleft stick, and knows it.

If the need for a system of benefit support for single-parent families is sacrosanct, however, the system for collecting and enforcing maintenance payments from the absent fathers themselves is not. The present method is cumbersome, inefficient and increasingly ineffective. It dates from the time when the problem was far less widespread, and social conventions were different. The ultimate weapon, of collecting maintenance through the attachment of earnings by means of a court order, has shown itself to be too easily

At present the law treats maintenance as a civil debt, as if the only parties with an interest were the parents and the children. In fact, because the State has to step in when a parent fails, it too has a direct and major interest, and the law should recognize it by treating maintenance, at least once there is default in payment, as a debt owed to the State, in other words like a fine or statutory compensation payable after a criminal conviction. In that way the State would be able to recover with the one hand at least some of what it was paying out with the other.

An approach similar to that is already working successfully in Australia. Whether it would be possible to combine it with the income tax system is an issue likely to be studied further by a special inquiry set up by the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr Tony Newton. But that is a detail: what is important to note, pending the completion of that study, is that the Government has got the principles right. It must be brought home to the absent fathers themselves that the support of their children and, where appropriate, the children's mother, is not an option but a

YESTERDAY'S HAND

"It is as if a changing world had created openings for those driven by vanity and for would-be statesmen seeking to play yesterday's hand." M Jacques Delors excelled himself before the European Parliament yesterday. His targets were, all too predictably, the British Prime Minister and those in West Germany who, "alarmed by developments on the Continent, are being tempted to play a more

As a former socialist finance minister who now has ambitions to succeed President Mitterrand, M Delors is perhaps not best qualified to take others to task for their lack of modesty or their hackneyed ideas. Selfimportance is not, however, invariably a sign of insignificance. M Delors is, after all, President of the European Commission, and he had a serious point to make about the constitutional mechanism of the Community. He wants his Commission to be transformed into the executive of "the future federation", led by a president with "genuine power to influence the choice" of the commissioners. According to M Delors, events in Central Europe must on no account be allowed to impinge upon the Community's central goal: political union of the present 12 member

The notion of turning the Commission into the executive of a far more powerful Strasbourg legislature is not, of course, a new one; it is translated into the language of Montesquieu, roughly what Mrs Thatcher meant by the "European super-state". Since the controversy occasioned by her Bruges speech, M Delors has had ample time to present a detailed case for the transfer of sovereign powers to Brussels and Strasbourg.

Yesterday he had a golden opportunity to do so in a very long address before his future legislators. It contained not a single concrete proposal for the transfer of specific powers from the Council of Ministers or the national

parliaments, still less any justification of such a transfer. M Delors merely trotted out his pet principle of "subsidiarity" - the idea that no task should be carried out by central authority if it can be better accomplished by a more localized one. The important question of whether the application of the principle should fall to the Community or to the national parliaments he left unanswered.

His speech will confirm many in their doubts about whether those who are at present entrusted with redesigning the Community are hundreds, of parish councils of the same calibre as its first great architects. It | around the country. is one thing to frame windy declarations which | Yours faithfully, rely heavily on possibly specious analogies MICHAEL BUNBURY (Chairman, between the division of powers at national level and the relationship between the institutions of a supranational organization. It is another to demonstrate wisdom and foresight in providing for the uncertain future of nations whose horizons are now incomparably wider than they were a year ago.

Apart from their vagueness, the greatest single objection to the constitutional amendments proposed by M Delors is the air of unreality which continues to suffuse the European Parliament - "loyal as it is", as he himself put it, "to the Spinelli philosophy." It is mysterious that the Strasbourg Assembly should allow the charge to stick that it is loyal to the ideas, now patently overtaken by events, of the late Italian communist.

The Parliament of Westminster, like those of all West European countries, would angrily disown any imputation of a corporate "philosophy" as narrowly defined as this. The European Parliament, if it is to deserve its imposing title, must represent the full spectrum of opinion across the Community. It should not be afraid to subject the President of the Commission to the cross-examination which he will have to expect if his dreams are ever realized.

SAILORS BEWARE

Military chiefs of staff at their seminar in Vienna should brace themselves for a Soviet attempt to salvage the issue of maritime arms control. It was sunk by President Bush last month at his summit with President Gorbachov off Malta. Next time he may find it more difficult to dispatch.

Nato's reliance on seapower has been total.

It has thus been in the interests of the West to preserve its naval superiority at all costs - and fi. ven cvejust as clearly in Russia's interests to contain it. These perceptions have been reflected by arms control contacts during the last 20 years, including the Stockholm conference on confidence-building measures and the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna. At every point the Russians have demanded (with little success) that maritime forces be fully covered by the treaty.

To introduce naval disarmament into the CFE negotiations would certainly be a mistake. It would raise such a range of complex issues that movement in other directions would be stalled. But Norway, Turkey and Iceland are among allied countries now said to be interested in beginning a naval dialogue. Last week, moreover, no less a figure than Admiral William Crowe chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff until three months ago, seemed to agree with them.

Ironically, Nato's dependence on its navies should grow as a result of CFE. A reduction of US forces on the Continent will make it seem more necessary than ever that they could cross the Atlantic safely in a crisis. Nato admirals have indeed been looking forward to a kind of golden age for Western fleets. Cuts agreed in lanks and aircraft should leave navies with a bigger share of defence budgets, and the diminution of the threat in Europe might redirect interest towards outside-Nato operations. This implies a need for oceangoing

vessels, but that could prove to be wishful thinking.

The argument for entering structured East-West negotiations over navies is that savings forced upon Nato by politicians could be balanced against reductions in the Soviet Union. If the Royal Navy should find itself with fewer ships to defend the Atlantic sealanes for example, then it makes sense to negotiate a cut in the number of Soviet submarines which threaten them.

The Russian negotiating position is not a strong one. Not only is Mr Gorbachov under self-imposed pressure to divert funds from military to civil investment, but the Soviet Navy will shortly face block obsolescence because of its sudden expansion in the 1970s. To maintain its present strength, let alone increase it, it will have to find more funds not

Naval cuts are inevitably still some way ahead. They would take a long time to negotiate even if talks could be started tomorrow. The problems of verification alone are huge. For Nato at this stage to risk severing its lifeline, moreover, would be rash.

There is scope, however, to explore a range of confidence-building measures which might prepare the way for a rational reappraisal of the balance. Such measures might include notification of manoeuvres and a mutual exchange of data on equipment. These could lead to savings in planning and deployment and should be negotiable without too much loss of

At the same time naval chiefs in Washington and in London should start considering not just the size but the shape and character of their fleets. Both the balance between submarines and surface escorts and the number of landing ships and aircraft carriers will need reexamining in the changing circumstances.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poll tax burden on the parish From Sir Michael Bunbury Sir, In the plans for implementing

the community charge, the plight of certain parish councils appears to have been overlooked.

Rendlesham is a small parish in Suffolk. It is dominated in every way by the United States Air Force base at Bentwaters, Associated with the military facilities are over 300 houses leased by USAF servicemen. That other part of Rendlesham not directly adjacent to the airbase consists of 46 houses — and indeed some of these are occupied by USAF personnei.

Under the rating system, the parish council has been entitled to levy a penny rate on the military facilities and the 300-plus houses occupied by USAF personnel, as well as the houses occupied by UK residents. Under the community charge, the parish council will receive no income from the military facilities nor from the houses occupied by USAF person-nel. We estimate that we will lose over 95 per cent of our income.

If the Rendlesham parish council chooses to replace that income, without which it will be difficult for it to function as a body to represent the residents of Ren-dlesham, we are advised by the Department of the Environment that we have to levy a community charge on the estimated 140 unfortunate British residents of Rendlesham.

Thus those British residents will have to pay for the work forced on to the parish council by the presence of the USAF airbase and its USAF personnel who will, from April 1, 1990, contribute nothing to the parish council's income. That despite the fact that, for example, seven out of eight planning applications in Ren-dlesham relate to matters associated with the USAF presence.

From April 1, 1990, the Government itself will take over the parish council's ability to levy a rate on the military facilities and will negotiate a payment in lieu of community charge from the USAF. In exceptional cases, this council believes that the Government should be prepared to return part of that negotiated payment to the council.

With only just two months to go until the introduction of the community charge, and in the week that Parliament is to debate the funding of local government, we seek to draw your attention to a particular anomaly and unfairness which must affect tens, if not Rendlesham Parish Council). Naunton Hall,

Woodbridge, Suffolk. January 16. From Miss D. M. A. Ingram Sir, In reply to Canon Hender-son's letter (January 13) I have a

Rendlesham,

problem of a Trinitarian nature. I declared my name in full - i.e., three Christian names and surname. Imagine my surprise when I received three letters from the council, each addressed to a different Christian name and registering me as three people for the poll tax.

Perhaps Canon Henderson can offer me some theological advice, Yours faithfully, DOROTHEA INGRAM, 6 Westhorpe Road, Putney, SW15. January 13.

Eyre at the National

From Mr Robert Hardy Sir, In an article on the Arts page (January 10) National Theatre director, Richard Eyre, talking to Sheridan Morley, is reported as looking forward to rivalry with the Royal Shakespeare Company, "even if we do end up chasing the same few actors and directors who are still willing to work for our kind of money". He is also quoted as believing that "most actors are now sucked into rich cinema lives; and they just don't want to do live theatre badly enough to risk the reviews without even the compensation of good money".

I suggest to Mr Eyre that there never was a time in British theatre when more talent, some of it of the highest order, could be seen to chase such few opportunities. Nor have I met more than a handful of performers who are really so fearful of theatre critics, or so beguiled by the phantasma of "rich cinema lives", that they would seriously turn down the opportunity of artistically rewarding work in either of our two great national companies.

Mr Eyre is said to suppose that writers "still seem frightened by the wide open spaces of the Olivier". They are wisely fright-ened, I am afraid, since their words are so often lost in the spaces of that spread, unfocused auditorium, or in the wastes of the massive platform of the Olivier stage. The National Theatre organization and its performers battle courageously to fill the one, and minimize the disadvantages of the other.

I am, Sir, yours etc., ROBERT HARDY, Upper Bolney House, Upper Bolney, nr Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire. January 10.

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Issues of authority in Europe

From Mrs G. Willson-Bardinet Sir, Mr Norman Tebbit's article (January 9) was both timely and pertinent. On the one hand, the inevitable alignment of economic policies within the EC calls for comprehensive agreement and a modicum of efficient central planning; on the other, political developments throughout central and Eastern Europe demonstrate clearly the necessity for each national entity to have an honest and responsible elected assembly which is empowered to take mea-

sures reflecting the general will. We should reflect on these two developments long and carefully. What heritage are we going to pass on to future generations? One of prosperity and humanity, we trust, but also one which takes into account the long centuries of representative government as practised in the British Isles, one in which the phrase, "write to your MP about it", still means something. Let us not forget that, unlike most of their counterparts who are elected as part of a national list, British MEPs have constituencies.

These Euro-constituencies were canvassed in many cases, extremely ably and fully last June. The apathy of the British general public must be considered a key ingredient in the lack of knowledge about who represents whom in Strasbourg and just what his or her mandate is.

Since 1945 France has drawn up two very different constitutions for herself. Far from causing unease, the creation of new regulations and administrative bodies is seen by the French as an attractive and wholly worthwhile pursuit. Quot homines, tot sententiae . . .

sonalities are at this very moment touring Eastern Europe to help in the apprenticeship of independent political organisation. Britain's institutions have great value too; their example has inspired countless lovers of freedom. We must make sure that our MEPs know what their electors think about this vital question, and if necessary we must insist that their key role be one of guaranteeing accountability, both in the European and national assemblies.

21 rue St Honoré, Versailles, France. January 10.

From Lord Gladwyn Sir, Mr Tebbit may possibly have 'fudged" himself into a corner! He appears to think that "Europe" can only consist of a number of totally independent nation-states in a sort of free trade area involving virtually no limitations hatsoever on sovereignty. This "Darwinian" conception of a survival of the fittest is in direct

Wheels of justice

staff the litigants are paying for; Geste, defending his master's ramparts with "economical" problems for those who soldier on,

The county courts — not just Bromley (Mr Honnywill's letter, January 3), it is widespread often provide a pitifully poor service, despite the loyal, cheerful (and silent) exertions of Mr Potter's overworked juniors, whom I admire unreservedly. They cannot "go public". Some limited recent improvement is minute — a drop in the desert.

Apex Trust Sir, Your parliamentary report

today (January 9) on the Labour Party's proposals for reducing the prison population highlights a critical shortcoming in the Government proposals so far announced for greater use of noncustodial sentences.

While we would join Mr Hattersley in welcoming any restrictions in the use of custody for non-violent offenders, we share his concern that the emphasis of the forthcoming Criminal Justice White Paper may be on punishment rather than rehabilitation. We argue that of equal importance to the extension in use of community-based penalties are the opportunities offered to those serving such sentences to make a

areas of the country that offenders on probation orders are given the chance to engage in training and job-search activities and it is our belief that the success of any new

Time and again

From the Reverend G. H. Sansome Sir, If Mr Harrison (January 1) wishes to know when an unused diary is valid for future years, he should consult a recent reprint of the Book of Common Prayer, whose prefatory matter includes a table of the principal Christian festivals, as far as the early years of the 22nd century.

Thus, Easter Day, which this year falls on April 15, is shown as occurring again on that date in 2001, 2063, 2074, 2085, and 2096. One word of warning - the last of

violation of various undertakings freely entered into by her Majesty's Government (with the ap-

proval of Parliament) during the last few years.

unity since the war has been to limit the absolute power of the individual nation-state, which in itself has been the reason for so many devastating wars, and to replace it by some system involving a European Parliament and qualified majority voting in a Council of Ministers on proposals by an independent Commission.

This is not a federation in the accepted meaning of the term: it is interesting that France, of all countries the most nationalistic, should — unlike British isolationists - see no danger in its acceptance from the national point of view.

the next election.

Eminent French political per-House of Lords. January 15. Best

Yours etc., GILLIAN WILLSON-BARDINET,

> Meanwhile, the really serious problems which restrict competition within Europe, such as the artificially high air fares and the absurd price differentials in respect of cars between us and other member-states referred to in your excellent leading article (January 13) remain unaddressed.

hope competitively to recruit to

train - let alone keep - the good

and that "crisis management"

increases the strain and solves no

without sufficient modern equip-

I have sat regularly at Bromley

in 1988 and early 1989; since then,

in all the Sussex county courts. I

could man a (small) court with the

good staff I have personally seen

leave for better salaries in the real

world - already in 1990 I see it

Junior judges see and hear a lot,

and meet more disappointed and

frustrated court-users than do

Lord Mackay's colleagues, who hold the purse-strings. Not a

penny paid over the counter for civil justice should be spent on

alternatives to custody will de-pend on their ability to offer similar opportunities.

It was also particularly appropriate that, in his speech, Mr

Hattersley chose to direct his

comments towards employers and

leading community figures, since

this gives proper recognition to the

central role that employment plays in turning an offender away

As your Home Affairs Corres-

pondent noted (report, January 3), the current failure of many

employers to consider ex-offend-

ers for jobs on their merits can be

the single most important factor

leading to re-offending. It is our

contention, therefore, that an

essential complement to the forth-

coming White Paper would be a major Government initiative to

promote positive recruitment

practices or, at the very least, raise

employers' awareness of the

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act.

BILL MATHER, Chief Executive,

these being a leap year, a 1990 diary would be one day out for the

Should Mr Harrison be con-

cerned only with years in which

the days of the week fall identi-

cally, as distinct from years in

which the date of Easter is the

same, the last column on the

Prayer Book table gives the date of Advent Sunday, which, because it

is tied to Christmas Day, does not

Wybunbury, Nantwich, Cheshire.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY H. SANSOME,

The Vicarage, Main Road,

Apex Trust, Brixton Hill Place, SW2.

first two months of 2096.

January 9.

fluctuate.

ment or enough staff?

continuing.

anything else. Yours faithfully

January 12.

Iford Court, Iford.

nr Lewes, East Sussex.

from a life of crime.

MICHAEL KENNEDY.

G. CHOWDHARAY-BEST, 27 Walpole Street, SW3.

From Judge Michael Kennedy, OC Sir, Is Mr Raymond Potter (January 10) bent on outdoing Beau

Does no one listen to senior udges in the Lords, pointing out the profits that Government takes from the county courts? Does the Lord Chancellor's Department not agree that, unlike Health and Education, the Treasury are minority employers of the country's legal staff, that therefore, "non-market" pay scales cannot

Prison population From the Chief Executive of the

decisive turn away from crime.

It is already the practice in some

child needs From Dr Mary Feetham Sir, Mr Norman Fowler's resignation from ministerial office (report, January 4) has highlighted

The whole idea of European

What, then, if Mrs Thatcher, as seems possible, urged on by her new advisers and in agreement with the bulk of the Tory Party, substantially "acquiesces" in this general conception during the vital conferences at the end of this year? We can only suppose that Mr Tebbit will then put himself at the head of dissident Tories, and no doubt isolationists in the Labour Party too, demanding our withdrawal from the European Community, thus preparing the ground for his advent to power at

What a prospect! Must we really contemplate the equivalent of another Dunkirk? Perhaps we should, if Mrs Thatcher joins Mr Tebbit in insisting on a completely non-supra-national Community. Yours truly, GLADWYN,

From Mr George Chowdharay-

Sir, The difficulty with Mr Derek Prag's argument (January 13) is that we already have a "single, central authority" in the shape of the European Commission, which has been steadily enlarging its "conferred powers" - in Mr Prag's words, "those powers which have been granted to it" - by the simple process of driving a coach and horses through any Treaty of Rome or other provisions which limit them and then securing the European Court's approval of such treaty infringements (for that is what they amount to).

From Mr John Murray Sir, During my 25 years as a BBC producer it was a firm if unwritten rule that programmes were not played back to interested parties before transmission (letter, January 13). The argument was that people could seldom resist the temptation to press for changes that would show them to advantage, and that such pressure was hard to resist.

I left the BBC less than a year ago. How quickly things change. Yours faithfully JOHN MURRAY. 45 Grove Way, Esher, Surrey. January 14.

APT in use

From Mr G. P. Barnard Sir, Your Transport Correspondent's report on January 13 omits to mention that, far from "languishing in disgrace", the Advanced Passenger Train is being used as a restaurant, classroom and exhibition room.

The whole train is being well maintained and preserved as part of the National Collection of Railway Equipment, marking as it does a specific era of design and development. Its preservation will enable future historians to judge whether its amazing series of innovative designs were good value for money or whether the popular journalists' view of "failure" is appropriate.

In the meantime, plans are nearing completion to enlarge and upgrade Crewe Heritage Centre which will involve moving the APT to another part of the site. It will continue to be used by tourists and schoolchildren; the external paintwork peeling from its aluminium shell will be replaced and its engineering features will be available for specialist study. Yours faithfully, G. P. BARNARD,

(Honorary Secretary to the Trustees), Crewe Heritage Centre, North Junction Signal Box, Crewe, Cheshire.

January 15. Vetting visitors

From Mrs J. A. M. Pearce Sir, An aunt of mine kept a hat in the hall. When the door bell rang, she put it on before opening the door. If it were someone she wished to see, she would remark how lucky it was that she had just come in. If it were someone she wished to avoid, she would say how sorry she was to be just going

Nowadays, as hais are not so popular, I should appreciate an alternative suggestion for dealing with visitors.

Yours faithfully, J. A. PEARCE, Boxgrove Cottage, Highfield Road, West Byfleet, Surrey.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM January 16: The Queen was represented by His Excellency Sir Nicholas Spreckley (High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpar) at the Funeral of His Excellency Dato Mon Bin Jamaluddin (High Commis-sioner for Malaysia) which was beld in Petaling Jaya, Sclangor,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 17: The Duchess of York, Patron of the Combined Services Winter Sports Association, this morning received the Chairman of the Alpine Committee (Brigadier Graham Hol-lands) at Buckingham Palace.
The Princess Royal, Patron, the British Nutrition Foundation, this morning visited the Foundation's offices at 15

Belgrave Square, London.
The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke In the afternoon Her Royal attendance.

Highness, Chancellor, University of London, attended a Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall.

Royal Albert Hall.

The Princess Royal, Lady
Liveryman, the Worshipful
Company of Woolmen, attended the Alms Court Dinner
at Tallow Chandlers' Hall,
Dowgate Hill, London. Mrs Malcolm Innes was in

KENSINGTON PALACE January 17: The Princess of Wales visited the Chinese Arts Centre, 36 Charlotte Street,

Subsequently Her Royal Highness opened the Nightin-gale Centre for Breast Screening at Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester. Finally The Princess of Wales, Patron, Relate National Mar-riage Guidance, visited Manchester Relate at 346 Chester Road, Cornbrook,

Manchester.
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in

Dinners

Woolmen's Company
The Princess Royal, an Honorary Liveryman of the Woolmen's Company, attended the annual Alms Court dinner given by Dr John Scorey, Master, and the Wardens last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr Forbes Hayes. Mr Peter Lord, Dr Colin Davidson and Canon Maurice. Bidguray more the

Maurice Ridgway were the National Children's Home The Prime Minister delivered the inaugural lecture of the National Children's Home George Thomas Society at a dinner held last night at the Cafe fellow and chairman of the society, presided. Mr John F. Gray, director of advocacy, NCH, also spoke. Among others

The Amhassadors of Sweden, the Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland and other thembers of the Diplomatic Corps: the Duchess of Rozkurghe, the Earl of Portsmuth, the Earl of Scholdon. Viscount and Lord Meschwool. Barrones Philbfull, Lady Lucas of Chilworth, the Hon Strangus Gelive, Lady Nuttail, Sr Robin Buller, Sir Reginald and Lady Eyre. Sir Peginald and Lady Eyre. Sir Peginald and Lady Nictolson, Sir Robert Reid.

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Taman Al Anbar. Mrs Neville
Shudhan, Mrs Claire Rayner, Mr and
Mrs Richard Bramon, Miso June
Mendoza. Mr and Mrs Cliff Morgan,
Mr Robin Guthrie. Mr George Walker,
Mr and Mrs Derek Nitmuno. Miso
Nerby Hughes, Mr Tony Baidry, MP,
and Mrs Baidry. Miss Angeta Rippon,
Mr Dessnond Wilcox and Miso Estrer.
Mr Mrs Honold Froden, the Bery
Dr and Mrs Donald Froden, the Bery

Mr Richard Law, President of

tered Surveyors, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Sir Simon Gourlay, President of the National Farmers' Union, and Mr Derek Wood. QC, Chairman of the Agricultural Law Associ-ation, also spoke.

Association of Clinical

Pathologists
Professor F.V. Flynn, President
of the Association of Clinical
Pathologists, presided at a dinner held last night at the Savile Club. Mr Robin Cook, MP, and Professor Dame Rosalinde Hurley were among those present. Foundation for Science and

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, pre-sided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Dr George Rae and Mr Ian Hart also spoke.

Royal College of Nursing Miss Maude Storey, President of the Royal College of Nursing, and members of council were hosts at the annual dinner held last night at 20 Cavendish Square. Lady Trafford was the guest of honour and speaker.
The Secretary of State for Secretary of State for Health was among others present

The Marketing Group of Great Mr David Wynne-Morgan pre-

sided over the dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The the Rural Practice division of the Royal Institution of Char-Green, Chairman of BTR plc.

Birthdays today

Air Marshal Sir Alfred Ball, 69; Dr David Bellamy, botanist, writer and broadcaster, 57; Mr John Boorman, film director. John Boorman, nun onecum. 57; Mr Raymond Briggs, il-lustrator, 56; Mr J.R. Carr, chairman, Countryside Com-mission of Scotland, 63; Mr Richard Dunwoody, jockey, 26; Sir William Goodhart, QC, 57; Sir William Harding, diplomat, 63; Sir James Henderson, dip-lomat, 89; Mr Terence Higgins, MP, 62; Mr David Howell. MP, 54; Mr Edward James, dip-lomat, 73; Dame Jennifer Jen-kins chairman National Trust kins, chairman, National Trust, 69; Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones. 57: Mr J.M.K. Laing, chairman, John Laing 48; Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, former chairman, Monopolies and

Mergers Commission, 66. Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mavor, 74; Sir Peter Preston, civil servant, 68; Lord Seebohm, 81 Mr Arnold Cantwell Smith, CH. former Secretary General of the Commonwealth, 75; Sir Michael Stewart, diplomat, 79; Sir Nigel Strutt, deputy chairman, Strutt and Parker (Farms), 74; Professor Sir Alec Turnbull. obstetrician and gynaecologist, 65; Sir Walter Verco, former secretary, Order of the Garter, 83; Sir Ralph Verney, land-owner, 75; Sir Clive Whitmore, civil servant, 55.

The science report appears in the new science and technology section, page 34.

University news

Lord Goff of Chieveley, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and an honorary fellow of Lincoln Coll ege and of New College, is to succeed Lord Wilberforce as High Steward of Oxford University from October. Lord Wilber-force has held that office for almost 23 years.

Loughborough Grants

Dr M E Preston, Dr T G King and Professor G R Wray, £106,485 from SERC (piezoelectric high-speed activators regulating discrete motion controlled drives).

Dr K C Parsons, £98,210 from MOD (scientific knowledgebased systems).

Strathclyde Professor Howard Williams, of Newcastle University, has been appointed to the Reed-Com-puter Weekly chair in business

computing at Strathchyde. Heriot-Watt Dr Roy Leitch, reader in the department of electrical and

appointed to a personal

Appointments Latest appointments include: Mr Andrew Wilton, formerly Curator of the Turner Collec-tion in the Clore Gallery, to be Keeper of the British Collection, Tate Gallery.

Church news

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has appointed the following as Honorary Canons of Canterbury Cathedral: The Rev John W Everett, Vicar, St Mary. Ashford; the Rev Norman H diocese.
The Rev Canon Martin F H Hulbert, Vicar, Hathersage, diocese Derby: to Vicer, Hathersage, diocese Dertoy, to be Rector, Brailistond with Shirtey and Comeston with Editaston, same di-ocese.

The Rev Peter Holess are Woods, Vicar, St Leonard, Hythe, the Rev Gordon R D Manley, Vicar, St Mary of Charity, Faversham; and the Rev Jesse Sage, Agricultural Chaplain.

The Rev Michael Paget-Wilkes, Vicar, St Matthew's, Rugby, diocese of Coventry, is to be Archdeacon of Warwick, same diocese, succeeding the Ven Peter Bridges, who retires this Other appointments

The Rev Peter W Barm, Honorary Curate, Ranworth with Woodbestwick and Panaworth, diocese Norwick; lobe Honorary Chaplain of the Broads, same diocese. be Honorary Chaptain of the Broads, same discese.
The Rev Cannuel R Burrows. Rector, Marringhon. discese Cartilles: to be Friest-in-charge. Milition: with Theological Cartilles. Milition with Theological Cartilles. Milition with Theological Cartilles. The Rev Joyce W P Clarke, formerty Parish Deacons. St. Leonard's with All Saints, Heston. discess London: to be Deanery Youth Chaptain. Purbeck. discess Salisbury.
The Rev John Cull, Rector. Woothclear, and Raral Dean of Steinchouse, discess S. Marry. Walton, with St. Palitys. Wadgate Road, discess St. Edmundsbury and Inswich. The Rev Perer L. Dodd. formerly Royal Army Chaptain at Imbal Barracks. You'r, to be Vicar. Salisy Albrey, discesse York.
The Rev Roscald Elverson. Cartile, St. Margareth, Whithaish, discesse Covertify: to be Vicar. Dunchurch, same discesse. entry: to be Vicar, Dunchurch, same diocese. The Rev Frank E Harris, until recently Administrator of the Cathedral, diocese New Guinea; to be Rector. Belstand with St Breward, diocese Truro. The Rev Peter Haughton, Curate. St Phillip, Cheam Corranon, diocese Southwark; to be Assistent Caspisin to the United Medical and Derizal Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals, and to St George's Hospital Medical School, want diocese. The Rev David B Hannessy. Diocesan Secretary, diocese St Edinsmissiony.

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The Rev Peter Holett, Vicar, Gilliogand Kiriday Revensivorth, and Priest,
the Charter of the Control of the Control of the Peter of the Control of the Peter of the Control of the Peter of the Control of diocese Lichfield: to be Vicar. Withten and Houghton Conquest, diocese St Albans. The Rev James D Potter, Vicar. Blumbn, diocese Lichfield: to be Vicar. St Leonard, Dordon, diocese Birminohum. Birmingham. The Rev John Richardson, Assist Curate, Clacton, St. James, dio Chatmarcont, to be Barting Grant C The Rev John Richardson. Ambitant Curaise. Clacton. S. James. diocese Chebreford: to be Rector. Great Tay and Walses Cobie with Chappel. same diocese. The Rev Anthony Seilers. Curaise. St Mary, Luion. diocese St Albams: to be Vicar. St Paul's. Luion. same diocese. The Rev John Terry, Vicar. St Mary. Shephall. Shevenage, diocese St Albams: to be Vicar. Copie with Willington. same diocese. The Rev Peter Thomas. Team Vicar. St Michael. Solithull. diocese Birmingham: to be Vicar. St Slephen. Rednal, same diocese. Debar to be Team Vicar in the Publicate Euclese to be Team Vicar in the Publicate Euclese to be Team Vicar in the Publicate States of the Publicate States of the Publicate States of the Team Vicar in T year of the Philotogramacy's vices.
The Rev Geoffrey F Waller. Vices, Trowse. Rector, Calstor St Edmund With Markshall, and Vices Arminghalt, diocese Norwich to be also Rural Dean of Loddon, same diocese.
The Rev Kenneth R Walson, Representational Color of Loddon, Same Color Breeder-on-the-Hill cup lake wallon and Worthington, same discovered and Worthington, same discovered.

Retirements Retirements

The Rev Douglas Hancock. Vietr.
Christon. Marden. Patney. Chariton and wildows. April 1990.

The Rev John 1990.

Retirement with Horwanstow. Geoceae Trure to retire on 5 February.

The Rev Maurice Coborn. Vietr. West Lavington and The Cheveralia, dioceae Salisbury: so retire on 5 July. **OBITUARIES**

RUSKIN SPEAR

A penetrating gaze on the human condition

Ruskin Spear, CBE, RA, the artist, who died on January 9 at the age of 78, was one of those painters, so rare nowadays, who delight both critical experts and ordinary people with their

Indeed, in 1964, the year Britain celebrated the quatercentenary of Shakespeare's birth, an art critic looking around the Royal Academy's Summer Show that year in search of anything to match Shakespeare's intpact, singled out Ruskin Spear for his breadth of human sympathy, his psychological insight, his warmheartedness and his gusto.

Augustus John Ruskin Spear was born in Hammersmith - where he spent most of his life and which was the subject of most of his paintings on June 30, 1911.

He owed his resonant and not inappropriate Christian names to the happy chance of being named by his mother, Augustus after his father, a coach-builder; John, after her father, and Ruskin simply because she was in service at the time as a cook to a family with artistic interests who had a son named Ruskin.

An attack of polio as a child badly affected one leg, and Spear attended Brook Green School, Hammersmith, for crippled children; where he bene-fitted from the emphasis on music, painting, chess, lettering, and practical but ironic - boot-making. "I made at least one boot."

He was only 15 when he won a scholarship to Hammersmith School of Art, followed four years later by a scholarship to the Royal College of Art; where the insistence of Sir William Rothenstein on drawing as fundamental, strengthened Spear's marked talent as a draughtsman.

An early chalk drawing of his father, done around 1932, shows all the brilliance in communicating his perception of character in anyone, humble or famous, which Spear was to exhibit throughout his career. One's eye travels through posture to the head, then voyages inside it to the sitter's essential nature, just as with Rembrandt,

Spear's first teaching job was in 1935 in Croydon. He gained the post in a novel form of interview. the Principal, who was interested in palmistry, read Spear's hand, decided he was promising, and offered him four days of teaching a week. The Second World War found

Spear exempt from war service because of the after-effects of polio; he eked out his teaching salary at Croydon, and later at Sidcup, St Martin's, Central and Hammersmith schools of art, by playing jazz piano in small bands in clubs, bars and dance-

His robust, striking figure may be remembered by some, selling the pacifist paper Peace News around Hammersmith Broadway. He also drew for Vogue magazine from 1942-

Spear had exhibited at the Royal



Sir Alfred Munnings was elected President, Spear was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy; though Munnings did all he could to keep Spear from being voted in. Spear assumed that this was partly due to being a working class Cockney, and partly due to his down-to-earth subject matter: a gentle, Degas-like study of a mother potting her baby, submitted that year by Spear, aroused such displeasure in Munnings that Spear had to take it down before the Summer Show opened. Munnings continued to distrust Spear, lest he propose one of those "modern chaps"

for election. Spear served the Royal Academy in the most generous and broad-minded way over more than forty years. Not only did he indeed encourage the election of distinguished artists, more "modern" than Munnings, to the Academy, but took upon himself the task of encouraging them, for the Academy's sake, to submit their work to an institution which was at the time highly suspect to contemporary artists and their dealers.

But more than that, Spear regularly put his reputation in jeopardy in the public's eyes by painting for the Academy, beside his eminent portraits, character studies of ordinary people in Hammersmith pubs, and lyrical landscapes from around the satirical caricature of a famous figure; often taken, as Sickert had done, from an off-guard photograph; but just as likely to be from Spear's own acute observation of character and characteristic gesture.

Over the years, he deliberately provided — "to jolly people alorate look at the Academy show" — a ready talking region? 'talking-point' for journalists and visitors with unflattering sketches of such as Winston Churchill, Harold Wilson (who sat for him at Downing Street), George Brown, Barbara Castle, Princess Anne or Mrs Thatcher. But if the acuteness of Spear's

observation carries a critical accuracy into his commissioned formal portraits which makes them outstanding documents, it also works the other way: he could not hide the sheer warmth of his nature which underlay the caricature and social commentary. Thus "Homage to Barnett Newman" the abstract painter of stripes of colour, taken from a newspaper photograph of Newman, and posed against his famous painting "Who's Afraid of Red, Yellow and Blue?", was painted in 1970, Spear said, because "the obvious banality of second-rate abstract painting gave me the idea of standing the self-satisfied painter against one of his ludicrous canvases".

Nevertheless, Spear's superb artis-

Mr P.J. Missen and Miss H.J.M. Belk

Limpsfield, Surrey,

Mr G.C.C. Quinney

and Miss A.C. Russell

Mr M.H.B. Robinson and Miss C.J. Beasley

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs Hedley Missen, of Chelmsford, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Belk, of

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr Peter Robinson, of Leatherhead,

Surrey, and Mrs Patrick McGetrick, of Horsham,

Sussex, and Caroline, youngest

daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy

Beasley, of Sheriffhales, Shropshire.

The engagement is announced

between Gavin Charles

Chavasse, only son of Mr Jeremy Quinney, of Sambourne,

Warwickshire, and Mrs Diana Quinney, of Bampton, Oxford-

shire, and Angela Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David

Russell, of Kemang, Jakarta, and East Horsley, Surrey.

The engagement is announce

between Alex, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Daniel Timms, of

and Miss K.F.A. Grammer

tic judgment, his touch with brush and paint, and his innate, generous truthfulness, balance portrait and abstract composition against each other in a human document which could itself stand in any gallery of modern art.

Spear's outstanding portraits include that of the painter Carel Weight, in his uneasy dream-world; Sir Robin Darwin, alertly authoritative; Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, an amiable but observant rock, a shrewd Lord Hailsbarn; a Lord Butler who had seen it all; Laurence Olivier, his Macbeth costume slipped over a pinstripe suit, who posed for hours; and Sir John Betjeman, not entirely at ease at the oars of a boat against a background of sublime tranquility.

And then there are the no less penetrating or worthwhile portraits of the ordinary and the anonymous: often in Hammersmith pubs, waiting for life or recovering from it; seen without sentiment yet with love and respect. If the themes can be seen to be in the genre line of Brouwer, Rem-brandt, Hals, Hogarth, Sickert, and British illustrators such as George Belcher, then there are also passages of painting as ravishing as anything in Velasquez, Manet, Van Gogh or Vuillard. When in 1957 Spear accompanied a mixed exhibition Looking at People, to which he contributed, to Moscow for three packed weeks, it is not surprising that he was seen with affection as a "people's artist".

In 1948 Spear was appointed tutor at the Royal College of Art; a post he held until 1975, at first along with Carel Weight, John Minton, and occasional visits from Francis Bacon.

This was Spear's other major contribution to British art - little documented, as usual with teachers: but the tremendous flowering of individual talent in British art during those years - first at the College, the 'Kitchen Sink" school of Greaves and Bratby, then the Pop Art of Hockney and Blake, and the seriousness of Kitaj and Auerbach - can be seen to owe much, not only to Spear's vigorous freedom and breadth of mind, but even to aspects of his own art: for instance Man Selling Postcards of 1946, and the posters in the background to Friday Night of 1958.

Spear had a retrospective exhibition at the Academy in 1980, which, with Mervyn Levy's monograph on him published in 1985, drew attention to an undervalued though much-loved artist. He was appointed CBE in 1979. Spear hid an unexpected shyness as

well as modesty, behind an impressive physical presence and a sardonic gruffness: asked for comments on his life's work, he provided on one occasion "Painting, breathing, drinking. Ars longa, vita brevis". On another occasion, simply "I try to communicate...'

He married in 1935 Mary Hill. She and their son survive him.

among the poor Vera Grenfell, CBE, LVO, a remarkable social worker, has died, aged 87.

group.

She was born on July 21, 1902, and educated at Heathfield. But the turning point in her life came in her early twenties when she went to stay with a friend, Musette Magendie, who had a large

VERA

Social worker

GRENFELL.

house, Haddingham Castle. It was at the time of mass unemployment, especially among the miners. Musette and Vera thought of taking 20 miners' daughters to Haddingham, clothing and feeding them, and training them for domestic or office work. When they were placed, Musette took in another

Back in London, Vera Grenfell thought of doing something for the East End Lady unemployed. Ravensdale provided the funds. Vera the work. She acquired a former pub, Paddy's Goose, in which the children of unemployed families got tea, sandwiches and warm rooms. Both girls and young lads were trained for a variety of simple jobs - some found work and even prospered during the war.

Paddy's Goose, like the rest of Shadwell, was bombed; Vera Grenfell stayed there from September 7, 1940, until January 1, 1943, with seven others. They slept in a base-ment, worked a 16-hour day, provided breakfast after nights lit up by bombs, explo-sions and fires. Vera slept in her West End home perhaps once a month to have a bath, as in Shadwell they had neither electricity nor gas.

When Princess Alice went to Ottawa with her husband, the Earl of Athlone, having been appointed Governor General of Canada, the choice for a Lady-in-Waiting fell on Vera, as her maternal grandfather, Earl Grey, had been the first Governor-General of Canada. She did a splendid job by the Princess, very different from her work in the East End.

Back in England at the end of 1945, she began to work for the National Association of Youth Clubs; in 1949 she was elected Chairman; this position she held until 1960. In 1956 she was also ap-

pointed Chairman of the Ladies' Committee of the Florence Nightingale Hospital; in 1974 Chairman of the Council of the Hospital when its site was sold and Chairman of the Nightingale Aid and Sickness Fund — in 1980 she became its only President. Until 1987 she was also

Governor of three primary schools in Tower Hamlets. She was unmarried.

The unknown animal blood

was identified as being that of

the aurochs (Bos primigenius).

a large bovid which became

extinct in the seventeenth

century in Europe. This is the

first time aurochs' haemo-

A third blood type was then

identified on the slab in the

"skull building", and was

Apart from its intrinsic in-

terest, this allows zoo-archae-

ologists a way of distinguish-

ing sheep remains from those of goats, something difficult to

A large black flint knife was

found in the "skull building":

examination of its eight-inch

blade showed that both hu-

do from the skeleton alone.

found to be that of sheep.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.S. Macrae and Miss A-M. Booth

Mr J.R. Mansfield and Miss S.E. Marson

The engagement is announced

between Jonathan, eldest son of

Mr and Mrs R.J.S. Macrae, of

Wellington, Somerset, and Anne-Marie, eldest daughter of

Mr and Mrs J.W. Booth, of Swansea, West Giamorgan,

The engagement is announced between James, only son of the late Mr Anthony Mansfield and of Mrs Mansfield, of Farnham,

Surrey, and Sylvia, only daugh-ter of the late Mr Michael

Marson and of Mrs Marson,

The engagement is announced between Richard Craig, youn-

st son of Mr and Mrs Gerald

Mr Anthony Renouf and the

late Mrs Mary Renouf, and stepson of Mrs Vivien Renouf,

of Barnes, London, and Caroline Mary, only daughter of Mrs Sonia Barrett, of Old Basing, Hampshire, and the late

Doctor James Stanislaus

Pompidou Centre in Paris -

for the former Opera House

site just inside the gateway.

The original building, by Sir

Charles Barry, was destroyed

An international design

competition will be an-

nounced for the centre later

by German bombs in 1942.

also of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr R.C. McArthur and Miss J.M. Wilson

Mr N.J. Bard and Miss B.M. King The forthcoming marriage is announced between Nicholas James, son of Dr and Mrs Basil Bard, of Hampstead, London, and Barbara Maxine, daughter of Mrs Betty King and the late Mr David King, of Prestwich,

Mr K.T. Gaigut and Miss J.A. Edgar The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mrs P. Galgut and the late Mr Harry Galgut, of Finchley, and Jocelyn Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Edgar, of Glebe House, Aldenham, Hertfordshire.

Mr LB, Hammone

and Miss S.K. Elliott The engagement is announced between lan, younger son of Mr and Mrs B.V. Hammond, of Bishop's Stortford, and Sarah, daughter of Mr J.E. Elliott and Mrs J.M. Elliott, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.J. Harwood and Miss S.H. Pitcher

The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Harwood, of Lincoln, Lincolnshire, and Stephanie Henrietta eldest daughter of Mr Desmond Henry Pitcher, of The Dell, Windsor Great Park, and Mrs and browich: to be Assistant Curate, ipswich St Manthew (with Emmanuel), and Priest-in-charge, Emmanuel Church, some diocese. The Rev Simon Hobbs, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Margaret Street, diocese London: to be Priest-in-charge, St. Peter's, Eight Avenue, sinne diocese. Patricia Pitcher, of Oscroft,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Louis de

Secondat, Baron de Montes-

quieu, philosopher, Bordeaux, 1689; Sir Edward Frankland,

chemist, Churchtown, Lan-cashire, 1825; Alexis Chabrier,

composer, Amert, France, 1841; Rubén Dario, poet, Metapa,

Nicaragua, 1867; A. A. Milne,

writer and dramatist, London,

1882: Cary Grant, actor, Bristol,

DEATHS: Jan van Riebeck

surgeon, founder of Cape Town, Djakarta, Indonesia, 1677; John

Tyler, 10th president of the USA 1841-45, Richmond, Virginia,

1862; Edward Bulwer Lytton,

1st Baron Lytton, novelist and

politician. Torquay, 1873; Rudyard Kipling, the first Brit-ish writer to be awarded the

Nobel Prize for Literature (1907), London, 1936.

Proclamation of William of

Prussia as the first German emperor, 1871. Captain Robert

Scott and his expedition arrived

at the South Pole, 1912. The

Versailles Peace Conference

The Princess Royal will be a

speaker at a conference lun-cheon on "Working for Pleasure - Tourism and Leisure Tomor-

row" given by NEDO at Lan-

opened, 1919.

Today's royal

engagement

caster House at 12.45.

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Mr J.S. Hawes and Miss A.M.K. Kjellqvist The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Hawes, of Meopham, Kent, and Asa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kaj

Kjellqvist, of Ascot, Berkshire. Mr S.G. Knight and Miss T.J. Coombes The engagement is announced between Stephen Geoffrey, son between Stephen Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thomas Knight, of Marbella, Spain, and Tracey Jayne, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Michael John Coombes, of Harmondsworth

Mr C.E. Liddell and Miss C.J. Page-Ritchie
The engagement is announced
between Charles Edward, son of
Mr H. Liddell, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, and Mrs J. Liddell, of Wantage, Oxford-

Mr J.B. London

gest son of MI and Marian McArthur, of Hamilton, Victoria, Australia, and Jeannie Margaret, youngest daughter of shire, and Charlotte Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Fage-Ritchie, of Bradford Peverell, Dorset. King's Somborne, Hampshire. Mr G.J.P. Renout and Miss C.M. Barrett The engagement is announced between Gerard John Peter, son

and Miss J.S. Money
The engagement is announced
between John Bishop, second
son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Bishop Loudon, of The Quinloch, Blanefield, By Glasgow, and Juliet Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Money, of Bramley,

Architecture

New city gate for Valletta By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Valletta, the Maltese capital, is centre - already dubbed a

to have a £5 million city gate Mediterranean version of the in its renaissance bastion walls, designed by the Italian architect, Mr Renzo Piano. who won the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture last vear. The project, commissioned

by the previous Labour govemment, caused a storm of protest when the plans were unveiled last August. Objectors, led by Judge Maurice Caruana Curran, complained that the new gateway had no "gate" and that the original bastion walls would be faced in new stonework Mr Michael Falzon, min-

The Times that the gateway

brief was also being drawn up

for a new arts and cultural

would be built, stated that a

The gate will create a 100-ft wide breach in the bastion walls, connected to a 230-ft laminated timber and long steel footbridge. The 65-ft deep ditch will become a park on top of two and three storeys of car parking. ister for development of the infrastructure, confirming to

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this year.

Mr Piano's design will be the fifth gateway to be built; the existing one was designed by another Italian architect in

Sevenoaks, Kent, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gummer, of Washingborough, Lincoln.

Receptions

The Rank Prize Funds Sir John Davis, Chairman of the Trustees of The Rank Prize was bost at a reception held on Monday, January 15, at the Royal College of Physicians, London. The event was to conclude a one-day symposium on "Organically Grown Food:
What Benefits?", which was
organised by Sir Ralph Riley
and opened by The Minister of
Agriculture, the Rt Hon J.S.
Gummer, MP. Among the

guests were: Mr R.F.H. Cowen. Dr J. Edelmen. The Earl of Sethorne. Str Richard Trebane. (Trisbles). Str Kichard Trebane. (Trisbles). Str Kenneth States: Str Lusile Fowden. Professor Ian Macdonald. Sir Philip Rande and Sir Ralph Riley (Members of the Nutrition Advisory Committee). Justice of the Peace A reception was held last night

Present were:
The Rt Hon The Earl and Countess
Ferrers, The Rt Hon Sir Patrick
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Tunnim, Mr J.N. Scencer, Mr W,
Scott, Mr David Cocke, QC, Judge
A.W, Cark, His Henaux Anthony
Babinston, Mr John Hastding, Judge
Kenneth Cooke, Mr Geoffrey Norman,
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Nicholas Yell, Judge Patrick Halban
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Skillivan, Mr J.L. Poarson, Mr M.J.
Friel, Mr P. Dawson, Mr B. Moore,
Mr N.A. McKithricks, Mr M. Powers. present were:

at the Garrick Club. Mr Barry Rose presided. Amongst those

Lord Richard Percy A memorial service for Lord Richard Percy will take place at St Michael's Alnwick, on Friday, February 9, at noon.

Archaeology

Human bloodstains found on neolithic sacrificial altar

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Bloodstains nine thousand years old have been found on what may be a sacrifical altar in Turkey. Three kinds of haemoglobin have been identified, including human blood and that of an extinct species of cattle.

The discovery was made in studies of the neolithic village of Cayonu Tepesi, a small site in south-eastern Anatolia dating to between 7400 and 6800 BC. Among the buildings excavated there is one known as the "skull building", because more than 90 human skulis were found piled into three small chambers. While there is no evidence that all their owners were beheaded cut marks have been detected on some of the upper vertebrae.

Within the main room of the "skull building" was a large polished slab some two metres square, and it is on this that traces of ancient blood have been found, as though it had been used for sacrifice. A haemoglobin and myoglobin sensitive pad was turned green by a sample taken from the slab, indicating the presence of blood cells, and the haemoglobin was then crystallized out and identified. Human haemoglobin crys-

tals were immediately recognizable from their distinctive shape, but there was also evidence of the blood of "another, unknown but nonhuman species", Dr Thomas Loy and Dr Andree Wood say, Further blood residues were scraped from the slab in the following season, and treated in a laboratory at the site.

man and aurochs blood were present. While this could have been deposited during rituals such as sacrifice, Dr Loy and Dr Wood caution that the human blood at least could have resulted from an accident during manufacture, "for in working with stone tools one can easily cut oneseif".

They believe, however, that the blood of Homo sapiens commingled with that of sheep and Bos primigenius reinforces at least the occasional use of the slab for the cutting up of humans as well as of animals. The presence of the skulls of both people and cattle in the building suggests a symbolism that appears persistently in the later prehistory of Anatolia, where bull cults were apparently of major importance.

Source: Journal of Field Archaeology 16: 451-460.

Luncheon

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain yesterday at the Strand Palace Hotel. Mr Kaye Whiteman, president, was in the chair.

Latest wills

Mr John Broderick, of Bath, Avon, novelist, left estate val-ued at £175,663 net. Mr Edgar Henry Miller, of Weymouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,086,879 net. He left his estate to relatives. Mrs Barbara Florence Wheeler, of Swanage, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,958,729 net. She left her estate to relatives.

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and Deva Harjami.

CROSS - On January 7th
1990, to Sara (nee Haskins)
and Tree, a son, Benjamin
David;
ELDRED - On January 10th, to

John and Marti (Murchie). a son. Nicholas James Revett. ELVINS - On January 9th 1990. to Elizabeth (nee Burra) and Paul, a daughter. Alice. Mary Frances.
FENWICK-WELSON On January 16th 1990. to Sarah Fenwick-Wilson and John Sevenoaks. a son. Francis George ("Little Frank").
HARRES - On January 10th. to Cherry (nèe Kisch) and Jocelin. a daughter. Cabriel May. a sister for Holly and Alanna.
HAYWARD - On Saturday January 13th. to Alison (nee Stockmart) and Richard. a daughter. Bophia.
LAGRIE - On January 13th 1990. to Paula (nèe Dawson) and Michael. a daughter. Megan Louise Paula, a sister for Emily and Jason.
MAYNEW - On January 16th 1990. at The Portland Hospital. London Wil, to Caroline (nee Coggan) and Anthony. a daughter. George.
McCURFE - On Tuesday January 16th 1990. at the Royal Free Hospital. Hampstedd. to Nicky (nèe Hutchinson) and Simon. a daughter. Rachel Elizabeth.
McCURPY - On January 17th 1990. in Melbourne, to Lorna and Roger. a son. Jack. a brother for James.
THORESEY - On January 17th 1990. on The Royal Susser County Hospital to Elizabeth (nèe Flint) and Timothy. a son. Adam John Henderson, a brother for Emily and Alice.
WINTLE - On January 14th 1911.

1990. to Rosemary uses Hyam) and David. a daughter. Harriet.

MARRIAGES **DUNCAN-SMITH-HODGES**

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The marriage took place on January 13th 1990 between Anthony Duncan-Smith and Joanna Hodges, at SI Mary's Church. Gatlands, Surrey.

MELLETT:BUXON

Salurday January 13th 1990 at Guidford. John Millon Mellett ib Wendy Katherine Dixon, daughter of Mr & Mrs D C Dixon. Ockham. Surrey.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

PLEDGER:CALLOW - On January 18th 1940 at Ali Saints Church, Newmarket, Suffolk, Jim to Phil.

DEATHS: BANDET - On January 14th 1990. peacefully in Atherton. California. Atherton. California. Frederick. aged 76. husband of Dorothy-Rose, father of Cina. Isabet and Henry, and brother of Elife Barker. Memorial Service in London to be announced at a later date.

CARDALE - On January 16th. Peter John Cardale.
Commander R.N., M.B.E.
suddenly at home of a heart
altack. Dearty beloved anack. Deaty beloves husband of Theima. Joving and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Kingswear. Parish Church or Monday January 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to King George's Fund for Sailors.

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January 15th 1990, at John Radcliffe Hospital. Mary Veronica Harris (nee Williams), believed wife of Geoffrey Thochas Carler, of Summertown, Oxford, was received into God's handa. "Whal a lot we have done together before and during 35 years of happiness", Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday annuary 25th at 2 pm. Please no flowers. Donations to The Friends of Christchurch Cathedrai.

Christchurch Cathedrai.
CRIPPS - On December 18th 1989, suddenly in London.
Vivian, late of San Pedro de Alcantara. Spain. Beloved husband of Joan and father of Louise. Cremation took place on January 8th 1990.
Binglit. On January 14th.
Barglit. On January 15th.
Flowers to Kenyons, Rochester Row, 1et 01-834 4624.

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FOSTER - On January 16th.
Mithael Gordon, suddenly at home. aged 69. Funeral at All Saints', Kirbymoorside. Monday January 22nd at 2pm.

SKINNER - On Monday January 15th. Elisabeth. Requem Mass at Holy Redeemer. Chetsca. on January 25th at 11 destroit of the state of the state

annuary January 22nd at 2pm.

SENSMAN - On January 12th 1990, peacefully in hospital at Frem Barnet, Matione, aged 81 years, formenty of Woburn Place, London WC1, beloved wife of the late Harold William Hensman, Funeral will take place at South London Crematorium, Streatham Vale, on Friday January 26th at 2 pm.

HOCKINGS - On January 15th 1990, peacefully, lry Mona, aged 88 years. A dearly lot ed authur who will be sadly missed Funeral Service will lake place on Friday January 26th at 12 pm in St January 16th, Debat 2010 at 1990.

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MEELING - On January 16th,
Richard, very dear husband
of Judy (formerly
Greenwood), suddenly in
Kenya. Private cremation in
Mombasa. Service of
Thanksgiving announced.

Announced.

KMGMT - On January 15th
1990. In hospital, Revd.
Frank Knight, aged 80.
Beloved husband of Patricia,
dearly loved father of
Patrick. Elizabeth and
Calherine and grandfather of
Charlotte. Funerul al St Boniface. Chandlers Ford. 9 45
am Monday January 22nd.
followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if
desired to The Arthritis and
Rheumatism Council for
Research. c/o A.H. Rogers &
Sons Ltd.. 64 Market Street.
Eastletgh. Hants.

LAMG - On January 15th
1990. bearefully in
Eastbourne. Agnes Emily. In
her 90th year, dearly loved
mother of Patrick. Peter and
Andrew. mother-up-law of
Coralle. Heather and Jackle,
and a proud grandmother

Corale. Heather and Jackle. and a proud grandmother funeral Service at Wish Hill Methodist Church, Eastbourne. on Friday February 2nd at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation. Enquiries to Adela Funeral Homes. let: (0323) 643999.

Enquiries to F.A. Holland & Son. let: (0903) 713939.

WALKER - On January 16th 1990, peacefully at The Northwood Nursing Home. Thomas Reginald, in his 97th year. Dearly loved husband of Doris, beloved father of Raymond. (ather-in-law of Dana and grandfather of Dana and grandfather of Dana and grandfather of Andrew and Phillip. One lime Chairman of Hazell Son Lid. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Wednesday January 24th at The Chillerns Crematorium, Whieldon Lane. Amersham. Bucks, Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Alzheimers Disease Sorteit (A.D.S.), (/o James Peddle Lid. 65 High Street. Rickmansworth. let: (0923) 772013.

WOOD - On Tuesday January

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W000 - On Tuesday January
16th 1990, John Harcourt,
aged 77. Sadly missed by his
wife Jeanne, daughter
Wendy, Daniel, Martin and
James and brother Richard.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HACKETT - A Service

HACKETT - A Service of Thankspiving for the life of Mrs Oliven Hackett OBE. formerly Lady Brogan, will be held at the University Church of Christ The King. Gordon Square. London. on Thursday February 15th at 12 noon.

MEYNELL - Rosemary. Journalist. Memorial Service at St Paul's, Knightsbridge (Willon Place) 12 noon Thursday February 15th.

THOMAS - A Memorial Service for the laile Brian Dick Lauder Thomas. OBE, will be held at 12 noon on Thursday February 1st at St Giles-in-the-Fields. St Giles-High Street, London WC2.

IN MEMORIANI -

BASLEY - Jonathan James B.Sc., R.I.C.S. Remembering

our beloved son on his 30th birthday. Murn and Dad. MANNING, F.T.A. January 18th 1940 - December 18th 1985. R.I.P.

1985. H.LP.
WELLIAMS - Julian Laurence.
Time passes, memories slay,
quielly remembered every
day. Your loving daughter
Jacky, Sleve, Samantha and
Bully.

ACENOWLEDGEMENTS

PORTER - Basil wishes to thank all those who sent Mass cards and letters on the death of his wife Bridget and will answer them at a later date.

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years. He will be
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and affection by all his
family and many wonderful
friends. Funeral Service at
West London Crematorium.
Harrow Road. NW10. at
3.15 pm on Friday January
19th. Flowers. or donations
to the Mildmay Hospital,
Hackney Road. E2.

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McKINSTRY - On January
15th 1990. Hazel Cara Mary,
aged 71 years. Beloved
daughter of Cara. Funeral at
51 Peter's Church. Stonesate,
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January 25th at 2.30 pm.
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MOSS-BLUNDELL On January 16th, peacefully at Poole, Dorset, John Seymour Lt. Col. R.A. reld., beloved husband of the late Phyllis and a notable yachisman. Emmittee to Tanner Sungral Enquiries to Tapper Funera Service. telepho (0202) 673164.

January 15th 1990. Keith, devoted husband of the late Peggy, loving father of Nigel. Angela and Biddy and a much loved grandfather. Funeral private.

ROBERTS - On January 17th, peacefully in hospital, Ronald Alun, aged 79, of Sydney, N.S.W.

SYGNEY, N.S.W.

BYAN - On January 16th
1990, peacefully al home,
Antia Mary Ryan Q.C., A
Master Of The Bench Of The
Inner Temple, R.I.P.
Requiem Mass for family and
close friends al Our Lady
Queen of Heaven Church,
Queensway, Bayswater, at
10.30 am on Wednesday
January 24th, followed by
cremation. A Memorial
Service will be arranged cremation. A Memorial Service will be arranged later. Flowers to John Hemp Funeral Directors. 83 Westbourne Grove, W2 4UL, or donations to Cancer Research or the Save the Children Fund. Letters and telephone enquiries, please, to Miss Ryan's Chambers. 5 King's Bench Walk. Temple. ECA. let: 01-353 2882.

SALWEY - On January 16th 1990, in Auckland, Michael Cyril John, aged 61. Devoted husband of Judy, father of nusant of Juny, fairer or Susan and Timothy, grandfather of Emma. Dearly loved eldest son of the late Humphrey and Lorna Salwey. brother of Christopher and Bryan.

Christopher and Bryan.

SANDERS - On Monday
January 15th 1990.
peacefully at her home in
Sevenoaks. Kent. Joan
Frances 'Bill' nee Ropeti,
widow of Philip Henry
Sanders and dearest mother
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The element of truth behind this tongue-in-cheek article is weakened by the author's admission that he is really green with envy of his friends and, but for a shortage of money, would have followed them.

> A PLEA FOR LONDON IN WINTER

(From & Correspondent)

"Fleet Street", said I, "is in my mind more delightful than Tempe." For Boswell's Fleet-street, let us substitute, in these Piccadilly, or even days, Piccadilly, u. Knightshridge, Piccadilly and Knightsbridge,

say I, are in my mind than Monte Carlo on St. Moritz, Algiers or Egypt. Not, as the philosopher would say, absolutely, in them-selves. The London Sky is dull, the light is feeble, the ways are shishy, the wind is cold. At any moment there may be fog. At any moment I may ship in the thawing snow, or take pronchitis, or receive an icy drip down the back of my neck.

Yet I maintain that, to man, the reasonable being who looks before and after and does not live, like the beasts that perish, wholly in the present moment, London in this very worst of January is - well, not (if you press me) more delightful, but on the whole better than the far fair Paradises to which most of my friends have departed.

They are in the sunshine. They can look on mimosa and roses, and anemones and red rocks, and umbrella pines, and blue sea; or upon snow that remains snow, while the snow that was but

yesterday so smooth and white and lovely in St. James's Park is already a dingy and dirty mess. But in spite of all the beauty and all the gaiety which they are enjoying, I pity them. I am sorry for them. I commiserate them. For they will have to come back.

They will come back to a January London, or a February London, the luckiest of them to a March London. And how they will hate it! What colds they will catch! How they will shudder over their fires, or tramp in vain to get warm! Their hings, pampered on the purest airs of the habitable globe, will be fouled, their throats tickled, their skins irritated by the dust and grime of this workeday town.

They will dream over their lost winter sports, their basking on the terrace, their picnics up by Gorbio, their desert rides, and they will know sorrow's crown of sorrow. While I, acclimatized, hard-ened, robust (if, indeed, not happily dispatched for ever beyond the malice of February fogs and March winds), shall make a particular point of gushing to them about the charms of early spring, the drawing-out of the days, the balmy sweetness of last Thursday week,

and the reports of snowdrops and crocuses in Surrey. I must beware of spiritual pride. I shall not seriously want to behave to them with the insolence of the man who always takes a cold bath or always walks for an hour before breakfast. But I think the moral superiority of one who has "stuck it out" all through the winter should be allowed some decent display before the more luxurious

people who escaped the worst. At any rate I cling desperately to the prospect of being able to tell the returned travellers in some polite and inoffensive way that I feel I have scored off them... SERVICES FOR SALE

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Mrs T's Home help

sked about the Home Office minister opposite him in 1987, Alf Dubs, Labour's immigration spokesman, declared: "It's a lousy job. But he's got nowhere else to go. He's not good enough."

It has proved one of the most spectacularly inaccurate predictions in recent politics. While Dubs that year lost his seat and disappeared without trace, David Waddington went on to become a highly successful Conservative chief whip. Then, in October, he was catapulted from a ranking outside the Cabinet to one of the three top offices of state as Home

Few ministers can expect a harder year. Waddington will have to steer through the Commons the bill to give British passports to 225,000 Hong Kong citizens and he is responsible for the mammoth reforms of broadcasting. He will put his own mark on the criminal justice system with a white paper due this month and a green paper on the probation service soon after. He has to decide whether to legislate on Nazi war criminals in Britain and what to do about the right of the accused to silence.

Waddington is probably the first of Mrs Thatcher's Home Secretaries to share her gut instincts on law and order. His public image is that of a hardliner. He has always favoured the return of capital punishment and other pronouncements have helped to type him as a right-winger.

It was as a junior minister to Norman Tebbit at the Department of Employment, helping to out through the trade union law changes, that he declared of some of the Congress House barons: Clearly there are some very nasty people in positions of authority.'

Mobbed by students at Manchester University in 1986 he declared famously: "If I was a parent of any one of those children I would put them across my knee and flog them." As immigration minister he was responsible for removing from MPs the right to put a stop on deportations of illegal immigrants while they made representations on their behalf, and for pushing through the Immigration Carriers Liability Act, penalizing airlines who took the risk of bringing in would-be immigrants with less than perfect

Waddington appeared, if not to relish the role, then at least not to

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DAVID WADDINGTON

complain to senior ministers that

they did not put in enough time at

the Commons. As one who pre-pares meticulously for his eight or

nine meetings a day, he now finds

it hard to get to the House himself.

his views on capital punishment,

he is beginning to find them something of a bind because they

are the one subject interviewers

want to raise. And he accepts that

hanging will not return, pointing

out that there has been a majority

against it in the Commons since

represents, as many of his Cabinet

colleagues do not, an authentic

regional voice. He is deeply rooted

in his constituency of Ribble Valley (formerly Clitheroe).

When he lost the traditionally Labour seat of Nelson and Colne

in 1974 he did not go carpet-bagging looking for another

constituency and would not have

contemplated resuming his pol-

itical career outside Lancashire.

Instead, the seat came to him: the

sitting member where he lived

died young and Clitheroe asked

His wife, Gilly, one of the most

effervescent and approachable of

political wives (her father, too,

was an MP), who admits that she

could gossip for England, is closely

involved in his political life. They

have five children and friends say

hat makes Wad-

dington particularly valuable to Mrs

Thatcher as Home

Secretary is that he

And though he has not changed

lose any sleep over it. But friends, and he has plenty in politics, say that there is an element of caricature in all this.

Any man who has had the two roles of immigration minister and chief whip runs the risk of being branded an authoritarian. And his image will suffer even more when family connections make him a mill-owner as well.

But during his stint in the immigration job, Waddington took obvious pleasure in having eased the subject out of the frontline of politics. At the Conservative conference in 1983 he was jeered by a few but succeeded in routing the repatriation lobby led by Harvey Proctor. And he took pains to establish and maintain good contacts with the leaders of ethnic communities.

It was partly his determination to keep immigration issues in the background of politics which led him on his arrival at the Home Office to oppose the Foreign Office plans for Hong Kong passports. He hoped the problem might be met instead by some sort of special entry clearance for key Hong Kong workers. But he accepts now that he was not only outvoted in Cabinet on the question but out-argued as well and that his plan was made a nonstarter the moment Labour said it would refuse to honour any such arrangements.

Becoming Home Secretary has forced him into a few more adjustments. The former chief whip is now a little shamefaced about how often he used to that the Home Secretary has no other discernible interests: politics is their life.

The former barrister and crown court recorder is an old-fashioned public service politician. Typically his first act at the Home Office was to call for the drawing up of a victims' charter to ensure that everything possible is done for members of the public suffering from crime.

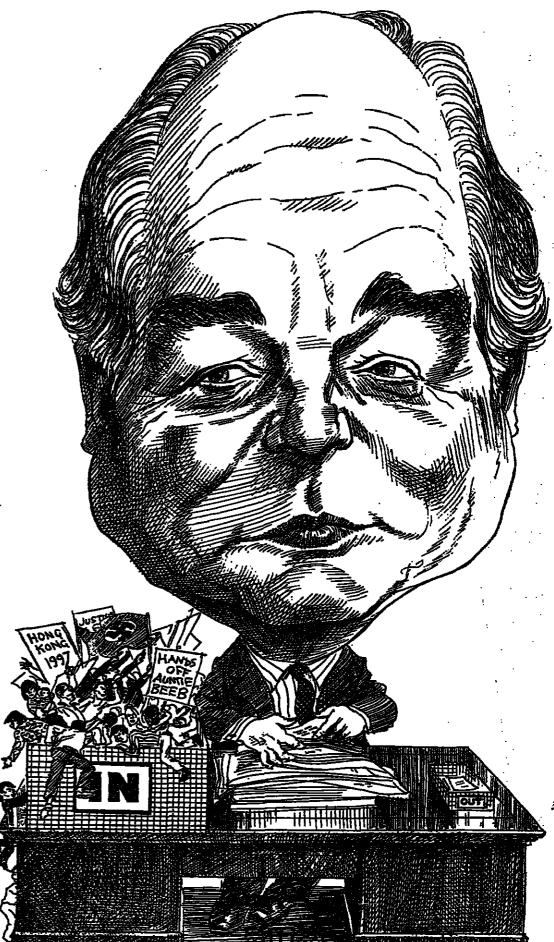
Waddington represents at the Cabinet table the voice of Middle England. His instincts are antiscrounging, anti-pornography, pro-discipline. His appointment will reassure those who populate the Conservative conference that their views are heard and understood - even if they are not always acted upon. And he believes they have a right to that reassurance. But he will not be a tool in their hands: he believes that Leon Brittan, for example, stored trou-ble for himself by trying too hard to please the party faithful with his annual package of offerings.

Nor will Waddington's appointment to the Home Office mean a brake on the switch to punishment in the community. Waddington genuinely rejoices at the fall in the prison population this year and he has no wish to see youngsters sent unnecessarily to prisons. What we are likely to see, though, is a little more stress on the word punishment and on fines, compensation, community work and curfews.

What everybody tells you about Waddington is that he is a straight man who tells it like it is. On immigration he was tough but fair. Both in that role and as chief whip he had the art of saying no without giving offence. And if he is right wing it is a right-wingery which he does not allow to get in the way of practical solutions.

He has been pitchforked on the wrong side of 60 into a job he never expected and he has no expectations of further advance. And as a former chief whip he has the shrewdest sense of any as to what the party will wear and what it will not.
In David Mellor (Broadcasting)

and John Patten (Criminal Justice) he has the stongest middle rank team of any ministry. What that adds up to is that Waddington can, if he chooses, prove a key influence on the way this government conducts its business in the run up to an election. Can the Straight Man stay that way at the very top?



1929: Born east Lancashire, son of wealthy mill owner. Educated Sedbergh School
1950: President of Oxford University Conservative Association

BIOGRAPHY

1951: Barrister, Gray's Inn. QC, crown court recorder 1958: Married Gillian Green, three sons and two daughters 1968-1974: MP for Nelson and Coine

1979: MP for Clitheroe, then Ribble Valley. Government whip 1981-83: Parliamentary Secretary, Department of Employment 1983-87: Minister of State, Home Office, handling immigration. Chief wnip 1989: Home Secretary

Robin Oakley Who will be heirs to the Graces?

A weekly look at art world

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Until 1985 they continued ington, they were sold by the to dance uninterrupted. Then, Tavistock family to an anonyfollowing an appearance at the mous company based in the Treasure Houses of Great Cayman Islands. Their where-

want to buy them, and is waiting for the export ban to expire on March 12. Meanwhile, the Victoria & Albert Museum is desperately trying to save the Graces for the

Its efforts are handicapped by an embarrassing episode in 1982, when the Government Britain exhibition in Wash- abouts have been a mystery flunked an opportunity to buy

ever since, although they are them from the Tavistocks in the subject of an export ban by the Department of Trade. The Getty Museum is known to the Cayman Islands company. It is the largest sum the museum has ever sought, and its total annual purchase grant is £1.145 million.

> This week, as Save Britain's Heritage backs the V&A by producing a fund-raising brochure, the question of the Graces' future is as baffling as ever. There is talk of "explor- the Environment. In Somer- had this power to get the

imost nine years since

A his report into the Brixton "disorders", as

they were euphemistically called, Lord Scarman is

ambivalent about his findings.

"Clearly there have been a

number of developments since 1981 which makes it

true today as it was then. Launching the fifth year of

the Community Enterprise

Scheme, sponsored by The

ness in the Community, Lord

Scarman said yesterday that

the possibility, highlighted by

the 1981 riots, of the rise of a

permanent, alienated under-

class had not diminished, and

talked about how he felt the

problem could be amel-

"When I conducted my

inquiry I was made aware of

just how much the built

environment, especially hous-

ing, does affect people's lives. We seem to be becoming more

aware of the social con-sequences of design and the

quality of our neighbour-

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and in some cases control

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Partnerships between the

public, private and voluntary

sectors have become almost

commonplace over the past

decade, but their success has

been patchy. "There is no

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sculptor has been asked by anonymous sources to create a copy of the great work.

All these desperate meacampaigners seek to take faced by the Department of advised the council that they

on display as an incentive to House, deemed to be "fixtures donors. Meanwhile, a London or fittings" from a Grade 1 or fittings" from a Grade 1 listed building. It was anticipated that the local council would use this law to order the Tavistocks to return the sures might still be avoided if Graces to Woburn. In fact, the planning officer for Mid advantage of a legal dilemma Bedfordshire County Council

Graces back, but instead the councillors referred the issue to the Department of the

In December, David Trippier, a junior minister for the Environment, ruled that, regarding the statue as part of a listed building, it was not "an appropriate use" of the listed building legislation to "control what would widely be thought to be chattels". At the time, Marcus Binney, of Save etic . . . As the minister responsible, he couldn't have

The reason for the minister's apparent ambivalence might be the Treasury. For he must know that hundreds of other works of art on which inheritance tax has been paid for generations could now be without a resale value. "The Treasury might find itself having to refund millions and millions of pounds," said one

commentator. But, whatever the reasoning behind the department's de-Britain's Heritage, was cision, the question remains apoplectic. "It is path- whether Trippier's boss, Christopher Patten, the Environment Secretary, has exercised his discretion reasonably.

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Building lives with bricks and mortar

Lord Scarman puts the case for community involvement in creating the environment



accepted this in her election night victory speech in 1987, but the process of turning this into effective policies has been verv slow. Lord Scarman has recently

had an opportunity to become involved in his own community architecture project, at his home in Thanet, Kent. At an early stage of the design, he asked if the architect, David Ruffle, could move the position of his plot slightly, so that he could take his wheelbarrow down the side of the house to give access to his small garden.

ast year the development won a regional prize in the Housing Design Awards, sponsored by the RIBA, the Department of the Environment and the National House Building Council, for being "original, consistent and simple". There was, Lord Scarman said, "real pleasure" in the village over the award, creating a "great

sense of pride". For many years after the war, he ran a substantial planning practice, in conjunction with civil aviation and common law, doing a large number of inquiries. Lewis ernment. The Prime Minister (later Lord) Silkin, minister of



'The central purpose of planning and land use has lost its way. We have become overwhelmed

by the volume and complexity of legislation' Lord Scarman

town and country planning in Attlee's post-war government and the man behind the 1947 Planning Act. was a hero.

pean countries were losing

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"Silkin saved the English landscape when some Euro-

It is time to take stock, he

volume and complexity of legislation. If only we had remained true to his ideals."

believes. As private developers and house builders have taken over, the public's right to have a say has been squeezed out. "Public participation is almost a constitutional problem of local democracy. if government is not pre-pared to democratize planning down to the local level, then

local public inquiries and the initiative of local people community enterprise - must fill the vacuum. There must be some statutory structure enabling people to be heard in proposals for the development or redevelopment of their environment." Developers would have a statutory duty to consult local people, who would have a statutory right to be consulted, and be given access to public finance to help present their case effectively. Otherwise, "the train of development will go through, while the planning process is sent up a side-

"Planning should be a partnership to preserve the quality of the environment without stulufying develop-

The United States and France are big enough countries to have "lost" their biggest planning mistakes in vast tracts of beautiful landscape. England cannot afford that luxury. "The skyline of the capital, particularly Westminster, must be preserved as the French preserve the centre

"Architects should rise to the challenge of building in beautiful places, not be deterred by them." Chatsworth, the classical mansion set in the Derbyshire countryside, demonstrates how landscape can be improved by a great building_

Extensive television coverage of architecture has increased public awareness and informed taste in recent years. The Prince of Wales, who is patron of the Community Enterprise Scheme, has contributed to the great debate. Scarman, who once described him as the "Prince of Conscience", supports his "charismatic leadership in improving the quality of life in the inner

Te said it had been a salutary education to sautary control be the UK president of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless in 1987. "Given the prosperity of our society, there should be no homeless. At last this problem seems to have been recognized in the Treasury steeplechase. I have no doubt that much more will be achieved in the 1990s, especially in dealing with the absurdity of bed and breakfast accommodation and breaking the homeless's cycle of dependency."

Lord Scarman has always thought of himself as "a man of action rather than as a philosopher, but it is for others to say. Whether he is campaigning for the release of the Guildford Four, petitioning for a Bill of Rights or writing letters to the Press about the future of the Oval cricket ground, his role in public life has not ceased since

his formal retirement. "I dislike thought without action, and action without thought," he said. "The community entrepreneurs behind the year's entries for the awards scheme will show us all what can be achieved when you do both."

Charles Knevitt



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Kriegspiel of history

Mark Almond on the wars going on in the ashes of the last war

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ince the mid-Eighties, West German historians have been involved in a bitter dispute about the causes of the Holocaust and whether Nazi geno-cide should be considered unique, or can only be understood in the context of contemporary atroc-nies, particularly Stalin's. The prize winning social historian, Richard Evans, has now contrib-uted a short volume to the controversy.

Evans makes no bones about where he stands on the issues, both historical and political. Unfortunately, this book is too partisan to stand as an account of the debate. Perhaps it was the case that at the beginning, in 1986, party political affiliations in West Germany determined the response of indi-

vidual historians. On the right there were conservative and Christian Democrat historians who wished to argue that not everything in German

history led to Auschwitz, and that the Nazis' murderousness owed something to pan-European ideologies, such as Fascism and Soviet Communism. The left tended to argue that the peculiarities of German culture and social development were responsible for incomparably awful Nazi crimes.

Evans himself sides with the left. Fair enough, but not good enough when it leads him to play down the contributions from impeccably liberal and social democratic historians who do not agree with his simple schema. On the other hand, the Marxist American historian, Arno Mayer, has produced a left-wing mirror image of the ideas of Ernst Nolte, the favourite villain of the German left. Mayer revives the old inter-war Comintern line that Nazism was primarily anti-Communist, with anti-Semitism as a

vicious by-product. The Bremen historian, Immanuel Geiss, the pupil and defender of Fritz Fischer, who was attacked by the right in the early

1960s for his unflattering inter-pretation of Imperial Germany's responsibility for the First World War, weighed into the German debate unexpectedly on the side of the right of the right-wing histori-ans to be heard. More im-portantly, Geiss has published a devastating critique of the intellectual and moral role of Jürgen Habermas, the left-wing Frankfurt philosopher. Habermas launched the controversy with an ill-in-formed attack on "Nato historians", who were trying to justify the then controversial stationing of Cruise and Pershing missiles in West Germany by de-legitimizing the Soviet Union, on account of what Habermas clearly regarded as atrocity-mongering. Geiss drew attention to Habermas's ignorance of Soviet history; how else could

he have referred to Stalin's policy IN HITLER'S SHADOW West German Historians tion and sumand the Attempt to Escape from the Nazi Past in the Ukraine By Richard J. Evans and elsewhere as the "expulsion" of the kulaks. and what would Habermas have

> said if any of his opponents had used the similar Nazi euphemism "evacuation" to characterize the gassing of European Jewry? Evans defends Habermas on

that point, but also plays the numbers game with Stalin's victims. Glasnost seems to have passed him by, and Evans contents himself with quoting what one might call "stagnant" western historians to prove that Stalin's tally numbered only hundreds of thousands. But then even in his own field of social studies, he comes up with the extraordinary assertion that, on the credit side, East Germany is a more equal society than West Germany.

Evans dismisses Geiss's criticisms in a footnote, only quoting him in support of his own case. But Geiss must be taken as the central opponent of the Habermas School. Neo-Nazis do not relativize the gas chambers. They deny their existence. What Geiss does is to ask who really threatens West German democracy. He finds that Habermas and his school tend to



divide society into progressive and reactionary. Those Habermas anathematizes are to be outcasts, forbidden to teach, etc. Where Evans argues that "most of the arguments" advanced by historians like Ernst Nolte and Joachim Fest "are derived from the propaganda of the Nazis themselves", Geiss draws attention to the similaritý between Nazi ways of thinking and much of the intolerance of the modern left in West Germany. The latter promotes a state of intellectual civil war, since it is unwilling to accept the good faith of critics. Just as the Nazis accused their opponents of being in the pay of Jews, so defenders of

American toadies. Despite, or rather because of their incomparably German waffle about "tolerance", the Frankfurt school and its historical epigones are the chief opponents of real pluralism within the Federal Republic. Nolte by contrast argues that West Germany is the only German state which has allowed both him and his critics to exist freely, if far from harmoniously.
In a debate that has revolved

around profound issues of morality - is it worse to mark someone down for death for racial rather than social reasons? - Evans is far too concerned with internal academic politics. He clearly thinks it very important who should be

head of the German Historical Institutes in London and elsewhere, but apart from causing distress to the current directors, his discussion of this and other appointments will enlighten readers little about the most tragic and controversial events of the 20th century. However, though this book is a symptom of the phenomena it claims to analyse, its clarity of style will make it useful to the reader who has not been able to follow the furore in German, but would like to get a feel for the emotions aroused on one side. What such a reader will miss are the arguments against Professor Evans's position, which were perhaps too good to be mentioned.

The bespoke universe

principle is a statement so beguiling that you decide it must always be upheld whether or not it is true or makes sense. Political principles are a fruitful source of trouble. Scientific principles are usually con-firmed in their status only after a long and testing period of proba-tion. Gribbin and Rees have woven an account of modern Big Bang cosmology around two more

recent cosmological principles. The "Flatness Principle" asserts that the Big Bang exploded with exactly the right velocity to bring the expanding Universe to ul-timate static "flatness". It will gradually brake to an asymptotic halt, neither expanding for ever through excess velocity, nor falling back again under excess gravity. The measured expansion rate seems nearly right for the job already, so it is challenging to pretend that it is exactly and necessarily right, and see what follows. One consequence is that there must be more to the Universe than meets the eye.

All the known galaxies put together don't contain enough gravitating matter to drag the Universe to a halt. For this to happen, the Big Bang must have generated vast amounts of some dark matter" unlike anything we know on Earth. What could it be? Physicists have come up with an intriguing list of possibilities: exotic particles like axions or neutrinos, clumps of quarks, miniature black holes, magnetic monopoles, even cosmic string. All can be squared with current physics, more or less; many seem to fit the way the galaxies are distributed; none (except for neutrinos) are actually known to exist. Purely as a stimulus to speculation, the Flatness Principle seems to be earning its keep.

The "Anthropic Principle" is more surprising. It claims that the Universe is specially adapted for human life. If it wasn't, of course, we wouldn't be here to assert the principle; but that's not quite a fair argument. The Big Bang burst into existence about fifteen billion years ago, not merely with particular physical characteristics, but with the laws of physics to govern its development. It clumped and condensed into galaxies of stars; some stars formed heavy elements inside them by nuclear fusion;

or familiar, I found 32 poems that I had never read before, and others

David Jones

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some of these exploded supernovae and showered the heavy elements into space; some of the heavy elements condensed as planets around a second generation of stars; some of the planets found themselves circling stars so congenial and long-lived that they could go in for extensive and elaborate chemistry; some of that chemistry turned into life; and, on one occasion at least, some of that

life evolved intelligence. Even a trivial alteration in the physical laws, and one or more of these processes would have been stymied. Indeed, most imaginable sets of physical laws would have produced completely boring universes in which almost nothing ever happened.

he Anthropic Principle as-serts that the laws of physics are somehow constrained to have interesting consequences like ourselves. God seems to have chosen them, if not exactly as a route to intelligent life, then at any rate for maximum entertainment. The claim that the Universe is here just to produce us is embarrassingly pre-Copernican. not to say conceited; can it be made less parochial? One ingenious proposal, the "Many Worlds" hypothesis, holds that there are an infinite number of universes, each with its own set of physical laws. Most of them are total deserts, a few are horrendous nightmares; we are in the one whose laws fit us - just as we're on a planet whose climate fits us.

This tale of two principles

makes an exciting and demanding account of some of the frontiers of modern cosmology. But Gribbin and Rees have the good sense not to nail their colours too enthusias-tically to either of these rickety masts. Principles, particularly when they lead to ludicrous conclusions like the identity of everybody or the wholesale existence of unobservable universes, need to be handled with care.

If Prince Charles ever had the good fortune to meet Marghanita Laski, I am sure that there was a meeting of minds, for the "common ground" that she was working to establish at the time of her death is very much what the Prince of Wales spoke about publicly only a few weeks ago. Common Ground is an anthology of poems that used to be common knowledge: they were learnt at school, quoted from and referred to so generally and so frequently that they could be taken for

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granted. Alas, no more. I have always quoted, because I grew up with exactly this heritage, but I have grown accustomed to looks of glazed incomprehension in the young when I speak of "gathering rosebuds", or mention "world enough and time", "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", or even "the ranks of Tuscany". But, to my shame, I find that I am

Quoting passports to the English heritage, and lost lands of gold

losing the habit of quotation, because lengthy explanations of-ten destroy the very nuances to be conveyed by the shorthand of a shared literary experience. It is also far too long since I set a class to learn a poem by heart.

Armed with this anthology, and its thoughtful introduction, I shall return with fresh vigour to the fray. For this is a campaign worth fighting, not with pitched battles, but with the guerrilla warfare of familiarity. "O to be in England" is as easy to memorize as the words to the theme tune of "Neighbours", and rather more

Isabel Raphael The young of to-COMMON GROUND day deserve bet-

An Anthology ter, and we owe it to them, "lest Selected by Marghanita Laski we forget". There are 254 Carcanet, £18.95, paperback, £9.95 poems in this collection and

one passage of prose, arranged under 14 head-lines such as "Loves", "Distances" or "Gone for a Soldier". Like all anthologies, it is a personal choice, and every reader will find inclusions and exclusions

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Well no, perhaps better not, say

the pusillanimous planners, dis-concerted by such well or-chestrated and well heeled oppo-

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Prosser — and what fun financial

journalist Simon Rose must have

had constructing him from all that

is least anractive in contemporary

tycoonery! An Honorary Fellow of

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the complete corporate raider. Unbundler extraordinary and

stripper of more assets than most

of us have had hot dinners, he

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entrepreneur ask for?

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to wonder and exclaim about, but it would be hard to disagree with the criteria followed. Each poem had to be "magical" — in the sense of lift-

ing us out of

ourselves into states strange and exalted" - and "easy to get hold of, and therefore useful". Put these three requirements together and you are bound to find yourself with something memorable, and Marghanita

Laski followed Lord Wavell (whose Other Men's Flowers is still one of the best anthologies around for this very reason) in including only poems that had stuck in her mind. As a result there is little modern poetry, as its rhythms and rhymes are often difficult to grasp; but this collection is intended as an aperitif, to entice readers into the golden land of poetry, in the hope that they will prolong their voyage beyond the remote Bermudas to, perhaps, the fairy island of Shallott (to my mind, the most

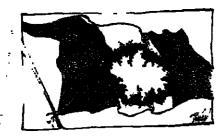
inexplicable omission of all). Not everything here is obvious

that rang only faint bells. Fine poets are represented by unusual choices, and some lesser-known, like Vachell Lindsay and Charlotte Mew, stand out splendidly. for some tastes - with 17 entries he is rivalled only by Anon with 23 - but his variety and versatility almost justify this favouritism. All in all, this is a capital collection, with horror and humour as well as music, mystery, and magic. If the national curriculum required every schoolchild to choose one of these poems to learn by heart, that would be worth legislating for. There is something for everyone, from Wordsworth's lament for plain living and high thinking to Coleridge's honey-dew and milk of Paradise. I hope the little princes each get a copy from their

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begun, by letting slip that Nostrum has a new product with addictive properties that make the colas look eco-squeaky clean. Better still, the deal offers Alex an opportunity to shaft his bête noire, Sir Jocelyn Pardoe.

So the scene is set for a classic confrontation between the forces of evil and good, the latter presented by lovely Sally Fluke, the only Prosser PA who sticks

rigorously to the job spec, and Jeremy Seaman, a raw graduate

trainee too gormless to com-

prehend more than a fraction of what's going on around him. Meanwhile Prosser's pride and joy, a ferocious female goshawk named Maggie (come off it Rose, that's a bit cheap!) hovers disdainfully overhead, before swooping on prey of her own. Filthy Lacre is a glorious first novel that oscillates between low farce and high comedy. The ogre Prosser dominates, but there's a supporting cast of well drawn characters, a richly absurd plot, and a suitably cathartic denouement. Read it.

I'm afraid the same injunction doesn't apply to poet Alan Brownjohn's first experiment with the novel. Set in 1999, when a fifth Tory administration is poised to lead Britain into a new millennium of freedom and enterprise, The Way You Tell Them is a disappointing rerun of the 1984 theme. A young dissident novelist is taken up, flattered, and subsequently emasculated by arch capitalist Sir Clive Deanley, against a background of rising totalitarianism. Unfortunately, writer Chris Lexham is a wimp, while Sir Chive wouldn't last 10 seconds in the ring with Alex Prosser. So the confrontation between them falls flat. The book has some very good jokes, but that's all that can be said in its favour.

On an altogether more serious note, Saul Bellow's The Bellarosa ection is an intensely worked meditation on the meaning of memory. The story is slight a Jewish immigrant, snatched from Nazi occupied Europe, is continually frustrated from expressing gratitude by his rescuer's reluctance to be reminded of less happy times. Harry Fonstein's futile efforts are observed and chronicled by an old friend who is obsessed with the experience of being Jewish in America. Bellow's later writing has none of the flashiness of his earlier work. Not a word is wasted, not a thought superfluous.

William Rivière, a writer at the other end of his career, has produced a first novel of great promise. Watercolour Sky is a beautifully written, melancholy tale of star-crossed lovers and the vanishing lifestyle of Norfolk landed gentry.

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When, in about 1964, I went to work on an ITN documentary series called Dateline, an old newsreel cameraman gave me his definition of what made a good current affairs programme. "Decide what you want to tell them, tell it to them, and then tell them you've told them." Simplistic, perhaps, but it led to coherent documentaries, and in some areas the advice is still being followed. Elsewhere it is not; two of last night's programmes neatly illustrated the gulf that still divides dogmatic from free-form current affairs specials.

BBC 2's Timewatch set out to demolish the multiple conspiracy theories surrounding Rudolf Hess, ed did so pretty effectively. Whether or not you care if the old man who committed suicide in Spandan three years ago at the age of 93 really committed suicide, or was really Rudolf Hess, depends on the level of your fascination with old Nazi history. There are, indeed, people around who would still go out and buy the Hitler Diaries if you put them on sale, regardless of authenticity.

Hess was himself generally reckoned to be somewhat less than totally "all there" several years before Nuremberg. After his bi-zarre flight to Scotland, he took to objecting that British secret police were interfering with his socks.

Now, an English consultant surgeon has come forward to suggest that there were really two men called Hess, and that they were switched, possibly in mid-air between Germany and Scotland in 1941. This, it is alleged, is why the old man was finally done away with in Spandan, shortly before they demolished the gaol.

Interesting, but wildly and demonstrably implausible, or so concluded Timewatch, in what might, given average luck, have been the last Hess documentary for at least a week.

But the Paul Ashton/Roy Davies programme did at least have a thesis and set out to prove it, which is more than can be said for Seduction of Style (Channel 4, in the Signals series), which rambled around the subject of style in politics and contemporary life with all the assured sense of purpose of a blind sheep in a thick fog.

It started with some clips of the famous Hugh Hudson commercial for Neil Kinnock, in which be wandered around cliff-tops apparently auditioning for a remake of Jonathan Livingstone Seagull, Then John Thackara's report went on to suggest that we had now, as a nation, become so essed with style as to have forgotten the content all together. Several interviews followed,

with style experts so laid-back as to be horizontal; at the end of the hour we were no further forward. We were only aware that the programme, too, had sacrificed any real thesis for a re-run of such expert parodies as the Late Show's British Rail mcommercial.

Oxford's less than unanimous welcome of the appointment of Stephen Sondheim is recorded by Sam Kiley

Making pacific overtures

tephen Sondheim is getting the red carpet treatment at Oxford. Oxford University's first Professor of Drama has brought unlikely glamour to the concrete avenues of St Catherine's College. New carpets have been fitted and hundreds of pounds have been spent on flowers. It is not yet clear, however, what the leading light of the thinking-man's musical will contribute to drama in Oxford.

The American composer and lyricist will inaugurate his tenure the professorship, wholly funded to the tune of £1.5 million by the impresario Cameron Mackintosh, with a lecture tomorrow at St Catherine's. But already Oxford students involved in theatre have complained that they cannot gain access to the great man. Indeed, this week he has been running a series of workshops for a dozen specially selected musicians and lyricists, none of whom is an undergraduate at the university.

"It is absolutely disgusting; we have not been consulted about this

project at any stage. The workshops were not advertised in the university. We only found out about them by seeing promotions in the national press. What is the point of running courses in Oxford for people who are going to contribute nothing to theatre here?" asked one prominent Oxford thespian.

Over the years, enormous pressure has been put on Oxford to open a department of drama. The move has been resisted on the grounds that students who were not specialists would be consigned to the fringes. In addition, a number of academics, not least in the English department, do not see the study of theatre as a rigorous

The establishment of a Visiting Professorship last year was seen as a masterful compromise. Students

DANCE /

John Percival

Laurentia

Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet's generosity met

an undeservedly cool reception

from Tuesday night's audience.

The occasion was the first of

several performances of La Fille

mal gardée, marking that work's

thirtieth anniversary. Being in two

acts, this used to be given, when it

was new in the repertoire, with another short ballet, but soon

someone decided it would look

For this run, however, it is being

preceded by an extra piece, the

"Pas de Six" from Laurentia,

which Nureyev staged for a Royal

Ballet cast in 1964. It had a few

more performances, mostly

abroad, and has not been given

The purpose of the revival, I

assume, is to provide opportu-

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would be given access to a professional guidance which would channel their remarkable energies more effectively - and provide a focal point for practical study. This would be no bad thing; over the next eight weeks, for instance, Oxford students will stage 48

But Sondheim is also a busy man. His show Sunday in the Park with George is about to go into rehearsal at the Royal National Theatre, A Little Night Music is still running at the Piccadilly, and Assassins opens later this year on Broadway. For the present, though, he is said to be completely absorbed in his Oxford posting, and refuses to make time for interviews with the media.

The endowment of the chair in of mostly very difficult and showy

The choreography is by Vakh-

tang Chabukiani, a name not fam-

iliar to most ballet-goers although

they will know his work from sev-

eral interpretations of The Corsair

and La Bayadère, which are among the highlights of those

The present sequence is more in

the style of the virtuoso dances of

Don Quixote, having many allu-

sions to Spanish dancing, in view

of its original context as a wedding

celebration in a long dramatic

ballet based on the play Fuente

Ovejuna. Alexander Krein's mu-

sic, too, although written in the

1930s, harks back to the manner of

9th-century ballet scores by

It is, in short, simply an excuse

for dancers to show off their skills.

Himself a legendary figure in the

advancement of male dancing,

Chabukiani gives equal prom-

inence to the three men and three

women, but the women had the

Maria Almeida and Viviana

Durante, especially, made their

solos glitter with sunny bravura

and delicately applied Spanish

inflections in arm or head. Fiona

Chadwick (replacing the injured

Darcey Bussell) danced strongly

but a bigger, easier jump is needed

under strain, but Phillip Broom-

head tackled some devilish steps

with much bravado. He and the

buoyantly energetic Erroll Pick-

ford and Bruce Sansom all did

well enough to help them grimace

Nicholas Georgiadis has de-

signed a simple white décor and such pretty dresses for the women

that it is scandalous for them to

wear shoes looking so drab and

shabby. Is this meant to help

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dancing.

drama is the most spectacular success of the Campaign for Oxford, which hopes to raise £200 million for the university, but one insider says that the money set aside to pay Sondheim during his visits "will be just enough to pay his air-fares", since he will not be in permanent residence. As far as the students are

concerned, that is just the probiem. "We want to be able to have a dramatist around for coffee someone who can tell us we are barking up the wrong tree or that we are on the right track but heading in the wrong direction," said Richard Long, this year's joint president of the OUDS (Oxford University Dramatic

Yet the students may be

complaining too much. The appointment of Sondheim has spawned a lecture series this term at which all students will be able to hear (among others) Sheridan Morley on the history of musical theatre, Andrew Bruce on orchestration, musical direction and stage design, and Mackintosh himself (producer of Phantom of the Opera and Miss Saigon) on

Furthermore, students from all over the country, and at all stages in their education, have been able to apply for admission to Sondheim's lectures and workshops, even if the final choice of participants has been disappointing from a purely Oxford point of

"There is a real shortage of good

Too little, too shallow

writing in the theatre, especially

the musical theatre. We want to

encourage more people to come in

and learn about a very specialized

art," said Larry Bachmann, the

former head of MGM in Europe

and Britain, and one of the driving

more than a high profile stunt de-

signed to attract attention to the

university, while producing few

tangible benefits on the theatrical

The master of St Catherine's

who is playing host to most of the

lectures, Dr Brian Smith, dis-

missed student criticism as "whingeing". "Sondheim has set

himself a prodigious amount of work and has refused almost every

social invitation offered," he said.

Furthermore, Bachmann said

this week that Sondheim would also like to chat over coffee – probably at the flat in north

Oxford bought as a permanent

residence for the Professor of

Drama. "The professorship is one

of the highest honours to be

awarded to anyone in the theatre,

but we were very lucky to get Sondheim at short notice," he

While students might be slow to respond to the arrival of Oxford's

first theatre don, there is already

intense interest in who will be the

second. The names of Peter

Brook, Arthur Miller and Neil

Simon have already been men-

tioned - but there is no business

like Oxford democracy. All can-

didates will have to be elected by

an appointment board made up of

academics and Mackintosh nomi-

nees, though not, one assumes, any Oxford students.

ories, to the original toccata

produces not only a richer struc-

ture but also a more characteristic

There is, too, sometimes

subaqueous melancholy grandeur

to the echo chamber of larger

forces gathered around the solo

Sinfonia among other pieces.

me, with strong links to the

evertheless, under

graduates genuinely

fear that the drama

professorship is in

forces behind the project.

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

Oscar Wilde: Diversions and Delights Playhouse

Oscar Wilde, the subject of Donald Sinden's one-man show, would doubtless have honoured the occasion with a paradox along these lines: "There are few more depressing experiences than an evening with a man renowned for

Wilde's quips were not often wholly fair, and this particular one could be accused of applying mainly to the show's first half. But there are times when one feels one has wandered into a Dictionary of Quotations, got lost, and has no hope of finding the exit.

To an American customs man: "I have nothing to declare except my genius." Of Shaw: "He hasn't an enemy in the world and none of his friends like him." Of the foxhunting classes: "The unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable." Even a friendly first-night audience found it hard to laugh at aphorisms that are not merely familiar, but have stalagmites £ sprouting from their vowels.

Of course, the mere choice of Wilde for dramatic treatment encourages predictability. Perhaps inevitably, John Gay's script substantially consists of excuses for bon mots, scattered anecdotes, and the odd snippet from the works, plus a little hedonism and potted aesthetic philosophy. One would have thought that an attempt to explore Wilde's psyche was more dramatically absorbing, more challenging to the notinconsiderable actor performing him, and better suited to the setting of Paris 1899, shortly before his wretched death.

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We have to wait for this until the second half; and then it is too little and too shallow. Part of the problem is that, at a time when the historical Wilde was mottled, blotched and a bit toothless, Sinden looks like an overblown Cupid wearing lipstick or an overgrown Fauntieroy in a purple cravat. He signals his decline by swigging lots of absinthe, but there is little about him that seems truly marinated, still less ruined.

Indeed, had 19th-century Paris possessed a television station, this Oscar would probably have been doing voice-overs for absinthe ads. Sinden's familiar fruity boom is just a bit too robustly in place. Add some large histrionic gestures, and you can see why it is difficult to believe fully and feelingly in the sad, bad memories when they eventually surface: prison, humiliation, Bosie's treachery; loss, grief, rage.

Wilde was a poseur. What is interesting, though, is the pain and conflict beneath; sob and sound off though he may, Sinden has not, found the way credibly to combine the outer and the inner, affectation and ugliness. This is Oscar reinvented by a latter-day Henry Irving; not the author of De

Harry Eyres

Duck Variations

Man-in-the-Moon

Here is David Mamet (vintage mid-Seventies) at his most elliptical: two men on a park beach. holding 14 brief conversations about quacking creatures. We know nothing about the two men apart from their names, George S. Aronovitz and Emil Varek, which seem altogether disproportionate in length and significance to the reduced, near-invisible

characters they denote.

Dressed with a slight, but not definitive shabbiness, they could be tramps, but their demeanour is a little too sprightly for that. After a while. Roy Sampson's Varek reveals that he does have somewhere else, an apartment (less inviting than the park), to go.

Ian Hastings's production, from the Royal Exchange, Manchester, creates an effective contrast between this tall, stiff, slow figure and Terence Beesley's dark, quick, irascible, Aronovitz. To look for depth of character and the roots of a relationship is, however, as always with Mamet, to be disappointed. The conversational fragments, or unintentional canards, move typically from some unpromising reflection about ducks (life of a barnyard duck, the difference between a duck and a pigeon), to an excited interchange, generating heat if not light, before settling back to nothing again.

The two characters reveal cerimagine they are getting some kind of latter-day Monty Python. McBurney, now 32, dismisses the tain preoccupations - Aronovitz with the environment, Varek with loneliness - but Mamet's objective is more abstract. We are being shown the human need to assert and deny, to make parallels and draw conclusions, even about things which do not matter or about which we know nothing. Varek does at one point see the absurdity of it - "two grown men squabbling about birds!" - but then repeats his stand: "I do differ." This could be either reassuring or quite the reverse; Mamet typically leaves the conclusion open. He even conjures at the end the possibility that all this duck business could have some cultural, historical significance, when Varek talks about the birdwatching habits of the ancient world. They died, however: "A

fitting end to some noble creatures

of the sky and a lot of Greeks."

Banquet of sumptuous variety

Berio series looked the most austere, with two recent orchestral scores flanked by orchestrations of early Mahler songs, but it turned out to be thoroughly hedonistic. It was a banquet of instrumental tone in sumptuous variety, with not an ngly, weak or ill-blended sound to be heard, reminding as that Berio belongs right up there with Berg and Debussy among the magi of the 20th-century orchestra Quite why he should have

lavished his skills on Mahler arrangements is a bit puzzling. except as an exercise in piety and craftsmanship. Where Mahler himself left decisive cues - either in transcriptions of his own, as with "Ablosung im Sommer", or in evidently "Mahlerian" accompaniments, as with "Zu Strassburg auf der Schanz" - the Berio solution is dutiful.

But where the original lacks that personal signature, Berio's superfine richness, with deep-pile carpets of sustained wind sound, finely variegated string scoring and trickles of harp and glockenspiel, carries Mahler towards the anonymity of Schreker. It was a

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curious experience, made more curious by the natural, easy way in which the baritone Andreas Scheibner strolled into the songs. like an innocent not noticing the

world is marvellously changed. The two 100 per cent (though one wonders) Berio scores were Formazioni (1985-7) and a piece Concerto II "Echoing Curves" (1988-9), owed to its being the

second version of a piano concerto which was itself the second version of Points on the Curve to Find . . . Such expansion and reconsideration is of course an essential Berio process, but in this case it seems to have dampened an originally bright and lively piece, as if

a Mezart piano concerto had been reorchestrated by Brahms. The effect is not entirely negative. Adding a prelude, and then a

piano. But all this might have been clearer if Bruno Canino had not removed the lid from the instrument, so that much of his

nervy virtuosity disappeared into The BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes played bravely, Formazioni, where the brass choirs on either side of the platform had a good time. Berio's reinvention of orchestral layout for this piece has its quinte

the contemporary Ricorrenze, where the players of a wind quintet are strung out in a line for music of bouncing reiterations that are at once sombre and playful, and where again, as Monday's performance at St John's by the Quintetto Italiano demonstrated.

space can create a mood or a moment. "LeCoq used to be a

choreographer," says Marcello Magni, an original company member. "He is interested in the

larger movements of life. He sees

everything as either pulling or

After five years of school perfor-

mances and community projects,

Complicité's national break-

through came towards the end of

1988, when a 15-week season,

comprising 12 shows (including

an operetta, The Phantom Violin),

played to packed houses at

London's Almeida Theatre. The

company now shows signs of

its producer, Catherine Reiser,

calls on a pool of 20 actors to fulfil

a punishing schedule: Zurich this

week, Inverness next, with a

specially created show for the

London International Mime Fest-

ival at the Queen Elizabeth Hall

on Sunday. Then the company is

off to Hong Kong in February and

The Australians should not

pleasure of chaotic juxta-

position" as an extension of the

Theatre of the Absurd. Com-

plicité, he implies, has more

important concerns. "We're not

just trying to make people laugh,

he says without pomposity

"We're also trying to make a piece

of theatre. It goes back to this

thing about commedia. What they

were about was the perfect fusion

Thédire de Complicité is at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Sunday, 7.45 pm. Its touring production of The Visit can be seen at the Eden

Court Theatre, Inverness on Jan 26 and 27: Theatre Hafren. Newton, Powys on Feb 2 and 3: Theatre

Royal, Rury St Edmunds on Feb 6: und the Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon on Feb 7, 8 and 9.

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Towards fusing style and content

Simon McBurney, one of the founders of the increasingly successful and popular Théâtre de Complicité, talks to Andrew Lycett about the group's inspiration in music-hall, mime and commedia dell'arte

omedian Cyril Fletcher was an unlikely early influence on one of Britain's funniest and most innovative theatrical companies. Television was banned in the academic Mc-Burney household in Cambridge. So young Simon McBurney, founder of the Théâtre de Complicité, received his "seminal theatrical education" at the pantomime. The star in the 1960s was invariably Cyril Fletcher who, true to his music-hall background, ended his shows with a harlequinade, or piece of solo clowning. This drew on commedia

dell'arte, the popular Italian character comedy which is still found in Punch and Judy but not much else in modern theatre. McBurney would sit and compare notes with Enid Welsford, a family friend and author of The Fool -His Social and Literary History. "We'd laugh at the same things," he recalls. Thus were sown the seeds of

Complicité's zany Euro-comedy. if it sounds bookish, the sight of McBurney slithering bug-eyed around a make-believe cemetery in A Minute Too Late, the company's extended sketch about death, quickly dispels the notion, The word most often used about Complicité is physical. Its actors use their bodies, the stage, and the inter-relationship between them, to explore the grand universal themes of commedia dell'arte. love, death, hunger and money. They even manage to choreograph a textual play, such as Durren-man's The Visit, which is now part of their repertoire, to bring out its underlying concepts of greed and betrayal.

The company was started in 1983 by four graduates of the Jacques LeCoq mime school in Paris. LeCoq remains its principal mentor, With Annabel Arden, a like-minded friend from Cambridge, McBurney had consciously



Zany Complicité: top, Marcello Magni; below, Simon McBurney

Movement is central to LeCoq's theatrical vision. For their first year under him, students concentrate on discovering their stage presence. They work on perfecting their Neutral Mask, a technique which has no expression but which assumes any expression which your body has". Later they "look at a text or a poem and see if you can translate it into a movement of your body".

Then, working in groups, they



sought out the school to get away from the "Footlights Mafia" he had been associated with as an undergraduate. But it is wrong, according to McBurney, to think of the place as a mime school (although it is usually designated that way). "It is a theatre-makers" school. It does not create finished product. It appeals to actors' imaginations,"

learn how the way they stand, move and relate to each other in

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THE ARTS/FILM

Top films this week: double perspective in A Dry White Season; Jesus of Montreal and Sisters, another breakthrough for the Oxford Film Company

Searing apartheid

h, Pm terribly sorry," says Marlon Brando, with the absurd thin drawl of an ageing Englishman marooned in apartheid-torn Johannesburg, "would you like a cup of tea?"
With Brando's cameo appearance
in MGM's A Dry White Season (15, Curzon West End), exuberant play-acting suddenly erupts into a film previously stamped with the earnest bleating of Donald Sutherland.

In this adaptation of André Brink's novel, Sutherland plays Ben du Toit, the white South African schoolteacher whose complacency is punctured when his black gardener (and the gardener's son) are tortured to death in the aftermath of a police assault on peacefully demonstrating schoolchildren. Brando - present for two scenes only (there were more originally) — is the jaded civil rights lawyer hired by Du Toit to represent the gardener's wife at the inquest. The year is 1976; we are on the edge of the Sourto unresign on the edge of the Soweto uprising.

Despite lurches in tone and some visible patchwork in the script, A Dry White Season is an impressive film. Euzhan Palcy, the director from Martinique making her debut in the commercial mainstream, keeps her head above water. We may not find the lyrical passion that burned throughout her award-winning Rue Cases

hen the Oxford Film Company lege first

Company logo first splashed across the big screen in 1981 the cynics muttered

about precedity and unfair leg-ups.

It was easy to see why. A collection of undergraduates and post-graduate scholars making a film called *Privileged*, while studying at Britain's most patrician

university, was bound to irritate.

Inevitably the star-spotters clus-tered, and for once they were right.

Three auspicious acting careers were launched by Privileged:
James Wilby, Hugh Grant and Imogen Stubbs went on to bigger,

if not consistently better things.

But the talents behind the

camera were not about to sit back and be forgotten, either. Anyone

prepared to risk the cat-calls of

contemporaries is unlikely to be

banked by the pitfalls of an underfinanced British film in-

dustry. To date, the like-minded

partners, who first gathered in college rooms at Oriel, have pooled their various talents in different combinations to make

Restless Natives, Promised Land

and now Sisters (reviewed above).

which reaches UK screens

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Negres, but the brutalities of the South African security police are conveyed with a forceful anger that never once turns shrill.

The script - Colin Welland had a first stab, then Palcy came in with significant amendments has the virtue over Cry Freedom and A World Apart of treating apartheid from a double perspective. The agony of Du Toit remains dominant, but we still spend much time watching the gardener's family in Soweto, racked by rage, bewilderment, harassment and eviction.

Luckily, Sutherland becomes

more animated as he ferrets out evidence of police brutalities and the affronted white community (his wife and daughter included) give him the cold shoulder. Zakes Mokae acts with fire and dignity as Stanley, the gardener's friend who leads Du Toit to the truth; and Janet Suzman, cast against her own anti-apartheid beliefs as Du Toit's inflexible wife, extracts the best from a truncated role. As for Brando, drawling languidly in a bedraggled suit and half-moon spectacles, it is just as well his role was curtailed: a little eccentric barnstorming goes a long way.



Fear: Zakes Mokae and Donald Sutherland threatened by state terror

enys Arcand's Jesus of Montreal arrives festooned with the special jury prize from last year's Cannes Film Festival and a display of the critic's most glowing adjectives, from "magnificent" downwards.

Viewing the film outside the heat of a hectic festival, the accolades seem a touch overgenerous. Persuasively mounted and acted, yes; amusing, certainly; though is there not something obvious in the way Arcand em-broiders his subject - the conflict between spiritual values and the banal cacophony of daily life?

Before The Decline of the Ameri-can Empire in 1986, the French-Canadian director was only a name for the buffs; the satirical treatment of the media circus in his new film was prompted in part by the whirlwind whipped up around Arcand by that elegantly provocative piece. The Jesus of the title is an experimental actor, Daniel, blessed with the traditional ascetic look, A Catholic church invites him to stage a passion play on Mont Royal, overlooking Montreal. After gathering disciple-actors from various sources — Mireille is a model, Tony provides dubbed voices for pornographic movies — Daniel launches his production.

The Catholic authorities bristle; the media pounces and the play becomes the flavour of the month. Meanwhile, the dividing line between Daniel and his character begins to blur. At a commercials audition he behaves like Jesus with the Temple money lenders, overturning hi-tech equipment; at the end, he undergoes a form of

Values: not great but worthwhile

Arcand has grasped hold of a strong, fruitful theme, though by using the Gospel narrative as an expressive tool he constantly runs smack into over-neat ironies and parallels. The passion play itself, performed peripatetically with much simple skill, is far less controversial than everyone in the film thinks; while too many of Arcand's targets - the gushing media lady jangling her bracelets, the crass world of commercials are pretty dead ducks. That said, there is much pleasure to be found in the film's visual sheen, en-semble playing and playful intelli-gence. Go and enjoy; just do not

expect something "magnificent".

America knew Sisters (15, Cannon Panton Street) as Some Girls, though neither title prepares us for the fairy-tale allure of this unusual comedy from the Oxford Film Company team of Michael Hoff-man (director) and Rupert Wal-ters (writer), of whose work you can read more below. The three sisters live in a grand Quebec mansion; Michael, a naive American student (disarmingly portrayed by Patrick Dempsey) visits at Christmas, and falls prey to the family's fey ways. The sisters toy openly with his feelings, their scholarly father works in the nude on a study of Pascal, while their strict, prudish mother tut-tuts.

Whenever the comedy topples into the "romp" category the

In fact, the relationship with

MGM proved a mixed blessing. Sisters was given the green light by

the then head of production, Alan

Ladd Jr, who wanted a stream of

low-budget pictures to encourage some of the new talents in and

outside the US. Sisters was the

first and last of these. By the time

it was completed, Ladd had been

unseated in another round of

Hollywood's musical chairs, and

the new regime did not consider

Sisters a priority. The film was

Walters does not appear to have

been wounded by the experience.

Already working on his next script, about Greenpeace founder David McTaggart, he looks back on freezing shoot days in the Canadian snow with wry affection.

"It is a strange experience being

the writer on location," he ob-

serves. "To begin with, you're terribly sought after. Actors flow

through your room, all of them petitioning for their characters to

become more important. But by

rapidly pushed towards video.

mood becomes strained; the eccentricities, too, are occasionally overdone. But whenever Hoffman relaxes the tempo and dwells on the mysteries of his material, Sisters casts a bizarre spell. Eugenio Zanetti's clustered Gothic interiors provide a sumptuous backdrop for this tale of tantalizing princesses and a thwarted Prince Charming; and as the fairy godmother figure, Lila Kedrova joins Dempsey in a surprising moment, stripped naked at a dangerous age (70) for a tender communion between Youth and Experience. This offbeat little film could easily slip away unnoticed: do not let it.

It is sad to find a film that fails to give offence when it strains every pore to do so. Possible some ostrich-headed Aunt Edna might be shocked by Scenes From the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills (18, Cannon Haymarket); but no-one attracted by the title, or by the past films of its director Paul Bartel, is likely to blush at the hanky-panky taking place in Jacqueline Bisset's Beverly Hills mansion. Bisset (who still seems the Weybridge rose even in unbuttoned fare like this) plays a fading actress, re-cently widowed; the film describes one feverish weekend of outrageous talk and bed-hopping with her divorced neighbour (the splendidly predatory Mary Woronov). the neighbour's playwright brother and saucy new wife.

The declared aim of Bartel and co-writer Bruce Wagner was to present a hip, radical variation on classic social comedies like La Regle du Jeu and Smiles of a Summer Night. But the glossy trappings of their chosen Los Angeles enclave seems to have sapped the film's fibre; Bartel on-screen himself as the "thinologist" Dr Mo Van de Kamp – views the silly cavortings with too genial and indulgent an eye. O satire, where is thy sting?

Welcome Home (15, Odeon Haymarket) is a facile edition to the current cycle of Vietnam dramas and the last film directed by Franklin J. Schaffner, who died last July. Alas, this is no Patton or Planet of the Apes. Kris Kristofferson plays a vet-

Another successful test for Oxford

In fact, Sisters is the first project since Privileged to unite the Company's five founders. A beguiling comedy set among the Canada and the Christmas-card streets of Montreal and Quebec City, Sisters was scripted by Rupert Walters, directed by Mike Hoffman, produced by Rick Stevenson and co-produced by Mark Bentley and Andy Paterson.

There is another key name on the credit roster, however: execntive producer, Robert Redford.
Redford's Sundance Institute has played a crucial role in lifting the Oxford Film Company (now based in London and LA) out of the mire in London and LA) out of the mire of British no-can-do, into the world of Hollywood "go". Promised Land, which Hoffman scripted and directed, was selected for development by Redford's Utah screen "school", and although the Sixters script only spent a week going through the Sendance grooming process, it was a valuable experience for Walters. "Having intelligent people read



Facing up to love: Patrick Dempsey with sisters Sheila Kelly, Jennifer Connelly and Ashley Greenfield

your script and make comments on it is always valuable. Film scripts rarely end up in great shape without other people reading them," says Walters, adding that Hoffman is "the best story editor I've ever worked with".

Redford's involvement, albeit as a sort of hands-off godfather to the project, was crucial in other ways

too. There were times when the entire project could have slipped out of the fingers of Walters, Hoffman et al, were it not for Redford's prestige. "After Mike had cast Patrick Dempsey, he was offered four times as much money to do another film, so Rick (Stevenson) asked Redford to speak to him," explains Walters,

"to tell him how pleased he was that Patrick was doing this project. He also helped us in our relationship with MGM. You're really never sure when the money on a project might fall through. On Promised Land the money from New World dropped out with very little warning, but we were able to get the project refinanced."

the end of the shoot you are one of the people hanging around talking Oscar Moore

eran long assumed dead, who surfaces 17 years later after building a new life and family in Cambodia. His original family, tucked away cosily in beautiful Vermont, have a lot of adjusting to do. Isolated scenes explore the domestic conflicts with care, but it only takes a spoonful of Mancini's honeyed music or an overwrought line like "I don't think you've got a corner on the guilt market" for the soan suds to blot out the drama.

· VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first

DEEPSTAR SIX (Guild, 15): No prizes for guessing the outcome when an enraged sea monster attacks a research team. Deep-sea hokum from the brain responsible tor Friday the 13th, Sean Cunningham; the less-than-lustrous cast features Nancy Everhard and Greg Evigan. 1989.

GO TOWARD THE LIGHT (Pearl, PG): Sombre TV movie about a loving family facing the death from Aids of their nine-year-old haemophiliac son. Familiar faces ease the pain: Piper Laurie, Ned Beetty, Richard Thomas and Linda Hamilton, 1988.

HEARTBREAK HOTEL (Touchstone, 15): Chris Columbus, writer-director of the engaging Adventures in Babysitting, comes cropper with this weak-kneed fantasy about an Ohio teenager kidnapping Elvis Presley to brighten the life of his scatty mother (Tuesday Weld). David Keith, looking nothing like the King, circumstances, 1988.

HOMEBOY (Braveworld, 15): Morose Mickey Rourke vehicle from his own story about a burntout boxer given one more chance. Rourke slouches and broods to his heart's content; Christopher Walken, as a petty thief who sucks him into crime, provides welcome light relief. Flashily directed by cameraman Michael Seresin. 1989.

THE IRON TRIANGLE (Medusa, 18): The thinking punter's Vietnam movie, balancing the viewpoints of a war-weary US officer (Beau Bridges) and an idealistic Vietcong guerrilla (Llem Whatley) who grow to respect each other. Directed by Eric Weston. 1989.

LADY IN WHITE (Virgin, 15): Polished horror tale which delivers a fair quota of authentic chills, written and directed by independent film-maker Frank LaLoggia. With Lukas Haas as an inquisitive small-town teenager pursuing a supernatural murder mystery, 1989.

SCUM (Odyssey, 18): "The film they tried to ban! . . . Some of the toughest scenes ever released on video . . ." Inside the cassette cover's hyperbole lies a hyperbolic film — a shrill guided tour through a Sorstal hell which tries to make a hero of the young brute (Ray Winstone) determined to be king of the lungle. Written by Roy Minton, directed by Alan Clarke; banned by the BBC as a *Play for Today*, filmed in 1979 for cinema release.

TAP (RCA/Columbia, PG): Forget if you can the hoary plot about an excon with tap-dancing in his blood: concentrate instead on the spellbinding footwork of Gregory Hines and assorted old-timers with a nearly-vanished dance form. With Sammy Davis Jr., written and directed by Nick Castle, 1989.

Angela Brooks talks to actress Gila Almigor, about the new-found sensitivity in Israeli cinema, soon on show in London



Gila Almigor: a biographical account of coming to terms with reality

Tou could persuasively argue that Israeli film-makers - not noted for cinematic virtuosity - have traded one set of stereotypes for another. Certainly swaggering, Uzi-toting heroes are scarce at the First Israeli Film Season mounted by the Spiro Institute at the Everyman Cinema in Hampstead, start-

ing on January 21.
Instead, the three-day programme offers an abundance of conscience-plagued, soul-searching types, caught red-handed in acts once anathema to your hardy sabra: one of them is nursing his sanity after one of the worst battles of the Lebanese war (Burning Memory); another tentatively forges a relationship with a Palestinian (Night Movie); and in Behind the Walls an Israeli hood joins hands with a convicted PLO

terrorist to lead a prison uprising. Nitza Spiro, director of the institute, says that the season's films offer an alternative to the brutal, careless and hardheaded" image of Israelis here. "I can't say that they are all great films," she says. "But I think the subject and the spirit sometimes transcends the technical and

At least one film to which these candid reservations clearly do not apply is the exquisite Summer of Aviya, last year's Silver Bear

financial limitations."

Letting feelings flow free

winner at the Berlin Film Festival, which will open in London on March 9 and in BFI regional theatres from April.

The film is set in Israel after the Second World War and recounts one summer in the life of a 10year-old girl and her mother, a partisan and Polish concentration camp survivor who lost her husband and family in the camps, and was driven insane by the

experience. The film is largely autobiographical, based on the book of the same name by Gila Almigor, one of Israel's foremost actress who produced and co-stars, playing the part of her mother.

Unlike the character of Henya in the film, Almigor's mother was not a partisan, nor was she in a concentration camp, "but she believed she was when she had her attacks". She would scribble numbers in blue ink on her arms and then run out into the streets baring them and screaming things in Polish, and the children would run after her, taunting her.
Large chunks of Almigor's

childhood were spent in orphanages while her mother was in hospital; she never knew her father. "My mother told me he their children and husbands, was handsome, that he waltzed well and he had big black eyes."

Almigor's own brush with a nervous breakdown a few years ago was the spur to produce the book. She found herself in her mid-forties, with everything going her way, sinking into an abyss where all she could do was cry.

One morning the actress's daughter solemnly scrutinized her mother's face. "She then said: When I get back from school,

don't cry any more.' "I felt so sorry for her and so frightened of myself. I closed the door, went to her room, rummaged around for a notebook and started to write."

he result was an instant best seller, now, in its 10th edition, required reading on the schools' syllabus.

Says Almigor: "In the early years in Israel, the message was to turn your back on the past. We had to devote ourselves to creating the beautiful, the new, the strong. We were different. We were the

"Some came and pretended to build a new life after having lost

new Jews.

wives and parents. They came here thinking they would start from scratch. There was never time for mourning, for working out grief - so many of them had only postponed their agony and cracked up when their children have left for the Army."

Aimigor feels that 40 years on, Israeli film makers are at last coming to grips with the past and wrestling with the political, social and religious issues of the present. 'Not so long ago, directors typically would point their cameras at, say, a Jewish Moroccan family, a Polish Jewish family, give them a couple of cheap ethnic jokes - and they would call it a comedy."

Now they have smart, blue-eyed, blond Arabs and dense, wild-haired, glass-eyed Israelis. Almigor worries that the pendulum may have swung too far. But she comforts herself with the belief that they are at least on the right track.

The Israeli film season is at the Everyman Cinema (01-435 1525) on January 21, 25 and 28. Summer of Aviya opens at the Phoenix, East Finchley, on March 9, and the Ritzy Theories, on March 22 Theatre, Brixton, on March 23.

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☆ BARNABY AND THE OLD BOYS: Jiw Gascoine, Keith Baxter, Jennifer Hillary Associate, Near Daxier, Johnmer Highy In Bauter's Interesting though over-sentimental drama of Welsh prejudice. Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 4.30pm, £7-£15.

☆ BLOOD BROTHERS: Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Angela Richards as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-8pm and Sat 4-7pm, 26.90-£18.50. (D)

★ BOOTS FOR THE FOOTLESS: Brian Behan's sprightly hish contedy set in the wild world of rent dodgers and red agitators at the Festival of Britain; plenty of laughter. Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilbum High Rd, NW6 (01-328 1000). Tube: Kilbum. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, £4.50-28.

★ DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHTS: Oscal
Wilde looks back on his life in Donald

Sinden's one-man show. Limited Playhouse Theatre, Northumerbland Ave, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Sat 8pm, £5-£15.

★ HEDDA GABLER: Elizabeth Quinn, Richard O'Callaghan in new adaptation of liben's screw-turning marital drama. King's Head Theatene, 115 Upper St, N1 (01-226 1916). Tube: Hightbury and Islington. Tues-Set 7.45-10pm, mats Sat 3.30-5.45pm and Sun 3-5.15pm. Tues, Wed and mats £7: Thurs, Fri and Sat eve £8. Dinner 6.45pm.

* JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole gives his best and funniest performance in years as the well-known man-about-Soho locked into his favourite pub overnight and meeting forces from his next. figures from his past.

Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus.

Mon-Fri 8.30pm, Sat 8.45pm, Sat mat

★ M. BUTTERFLY: The mysteries of love, gender and the Orient superbly staged by John Dexter. With Peter Egan as the French diplomat, René Galimar. Shafteebury Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Set 8-10.20pm, mats Fri and Set 3-5.20pm, £7.50-£16.50. (D)

* NOEL AND GERTIE: Patricia Hodge and Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Sheridan Morley's trip down Memory

Lane.

Comedy Theatre, Parton St, London
SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly
Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, mats
Wed 3pm and Sat 6pm, 25.50-216.

FICTION

★ OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD: Triple award-winning play by Timberlake Wenenbaker, set in New South Wa Werenbaker, set in New South Waters 200 years ago when a batch of convicts are ordered to become actors. Gentick Theetre, Charing Cross Rd, EC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.35pm, mats Fri and Sat 5-7.20pm, \$7.50-215.

☆ PRDE Commanding performance by Sheila Hancock as a rude, snobbish, autocratic college principal with principles you have to admire. Lyric Theetre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Plocadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Set 8.15-10.45pm, mat Set 4.30-7pm, £5-£15.

* SCENES FROM AN EXECUTION: A Science From a return to the stage as the Renaissance painter pursuing her campaign for truth in Howard Barker's prizewinner: opening the new Almelda Theatre Company's season.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington.
Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, 94.50£12.50.

★ SEVEN LEARS: Howard Barker's prequel to Shakespeare, a complex pley about misgovernment and scruple. Excellently performed by Nicholas Le Prevost and the Wrestling School. Royal Court Theetre, Sloane Sq. SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Sq. Mon-Sat 8-10.45pm, Mon £4, Tues-Sat eves £5-£15.

* A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: Transfer of hit show from the King's Head that catches the sound and feelin of a night out in 1984: clever songs by the Heather Brothers.

Arts Theatre, Gt Newport St, WC2 (01-836 2132). Tube: Lelesster Sq. Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 6pm and 8.45pm, 27.50-£17.50.

OUT OF TOWN

BASINGSTOKE: A The Importance of Being Earnest: Ian Mullins's production of our wittiest comedy, with Josephine Tewson mouthing horror at the

Tewsor modes, handbag, handbag, handbag, handbag, handbag, handbag, the street, Wote St (0258 465566), 7.45pm (mat Sat Jan 27, 4pm),

DERBY: * Blood Knot: Athol Fugard's calebrated drama of two South African sons of a coloured mother, one white, the other black.
Studio Theatre, Playhouse, Eagle
Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Sat 7.30pm,

GUILDFORD:
Dear Charles:
Celebrating the theatre's 25th anniversary with an Alan Melville comedy that gave Yvonne Armaud a long London Rum in the 1950s; this time with Penelope Keith, Michael Denison, Francis Matthews, Aubrey Woods. Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Milibrook (0483 60191), 7.30pm, £9-£16.

NEWCASTLE: Popeye in Exile: David Glass New Mime Ensemble premiere their staging of the life and times of the great spinach-eater. At the London Mime Festival from Jan 23. Guibenkian Studio Theatre, Haymarket (091 232 9974), tonight, tomorrow, Fri and Sat 8pm, Sat mat 2.30pm, £3.80-£6.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending January 13

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4	Devices and Desires, P.D. JamesFaber	111.95
5	Spyline, Len Deighton	111.95
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4	Coleridge: Early Visions, Richard Holmes	£16.95
5	Guinness Book of Records, D. McFarlanGuinness	£10.95
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1		£10.95
2	Hong Kong, Jan MorrisPenguin	€ 4.99
3	The Greek Key, Colin Forbes	€ 4.50.
4	Bonfire of the Vanities, Tom WolfePicador	£ 4.99
5	Cardinat of the Kremlin, Tom ClancyFontana	€ 4.50
6 7	Thornyhold, Mary Stewart	€ 2.99
7	1990 Good Pub Guide, Alistair Aird	£10.95
8	Good Food Guide 1990, Ed. Tom Jaine	£11.95
9	Utz, Bruce ChatwinPicador	£ 3.99
10	The Edge, Dick FrancisPan	€ 3.99
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FILMS

"The Artist's Wife Mougouch", 1943 (detail, right), a pen and ink sketch by Arshile Gorky (1904-

48), undermines the glib view that artists go abstract because they

cannot draw properly. In general,

nothing could be further from the

truth. Picasso, Kandinsky, Pol-

lock, Rothko and Gorky were all

expert draughtsmen; indeed, many

would say that they were accom-

plished abstract artists because

they could draw. Gorky, an Arme-

nian who arrived in New York in

1920, is remembered chiefly for

abstract paintings made in the last six years of his life. The freedom of

these colourful pictures, with their

vocabulary of landscape-like

forms, anticipates the innovations and achievements of Jackson Pol-

lock and the subsequent dev-

elopment of a distinctive American art. It took Gorky mutil those final

years to shake off - or more

accurately to absorb fully - the

influence of mentors Ingres, Pi-

casso, Cézanne and Miro. Viewing his earlier paintings can be a bit like playing spot the sources. Govky was on the verge of large-

scale recognition when tragedy

visited. He contracted cancer and

soon after remedial surgery suf-fered a broken meck in a car

accident as a result of which his

painting arm was paralysed. He

hanged himself from a beam in his Connecticut woodsbed. An im-

portant retrospective of Arshile Gorky's paintings and drawings

opens tomorrow at Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107),

Tuesday to Sunday 11am-5pm, £3,

Also on national release 2 Advance booking possible

antil March 25.

M DEAD POETS SOCRETY (PG): Fiery portrait of modern youth from director Peter Weir, with Robin Williams as an English teacher who instils his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128

Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 6.25, 9.15. ss St (01-990 0631). Progs 1.45, 4.20, 7.05, 9.45. Odeon Kensington (01-602 5193). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30, 8.30. Screen on Beiker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30.

■ THE DELINQUENTS (12): A routine story of defiant teenagers in the Fifties with Kylle Minogue (90 min). Cannon Oxford St (01-638 0310). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30. Whiteleys 2 (01-792 3303). Progs 1.50, 4.15, 6.45, 9.10.

DRUGSTORE COWBOY (18): Provocative morality play about an unrepentant junkle (Matt Dillon) who finally faces up to his life-style. Directed by Gus Van Sant with a strong feel for the underside of American society (100

Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35. Gate Cinema (01-727 4043). Progs 2.30 (not Sun), 4.40, 6.50, 9.00. FIELD OF DREAMS (PG): Overly

cosy Americana, with Kevin Costner as a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice Directed by Phil Alden Robinson (106 min). Carnon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.10.

Cannon Haymerket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25 (not Sun), 5.45, 8.20. GHOSTBUSTERS If (PG): In which

Bill Murray, Dan Aytroyd and company rid Manhattan of a devilish pink-hued slime. Expensive but ragged sequel which fails to cap the original (108 min). Camon Oxford St (01-36 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25. 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25. Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.00, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20. Whiteleys Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 1.35, 4.05, 6.35, 9.00. LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18); Raw. powerful version of Hubert Selby Jr's

once-controversial novel of Brooklyn life, from the director of Christiane F, Uirich Edel. With Stephen Lang, Jennifer Jason Leigh (102 min) Odeon West End (01-830 5252/7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.45.

MYSTERY TRAIN (15): Mostly delicious episodic film from the unique, laidback Jim Jarmusch, focused on the overnight visitors at a Memphis hotel. With Youki Kudoh, Screamin' Jay Hawkins (113 re (01-836 0691) Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.25, 8.50.

7 on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 4.00, 6.40, 8.50.

PARENTHOOD (12): Episodic heart-warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children. A large, excellent cast (Stave Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Diarne Wiest, Jason Robards) (100 min). Camon Beker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.25, 5.35, 8.15. Camon Fulham Roed (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05. Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs on Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.05, 7.55.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705).
Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.10.
Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.20 Whiteleys Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

SHIPLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm-

hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min). Empire (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20. Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Whiteleys Bayswater 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50. ter (01-792 3303).

CONCERTS'

EVENING

☆ LOVERS, LEARNERS, ETC: Under the title "Lovers, Learners and Libetions" the Scottish Early Music Consort undertakes to recreate an evening in the refectory of the 13th-century University of Paris. Wigmore Hell, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm £4-£7.

☆ KENNY WHEELER: See picture. below. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 6800), 7.45pm,

JAZZ.

25,50, £7.50. ★ MICROGROOVE: Ashley Slater's eccentric amalgam of Jazz and the Geno Washington Revue. Bend On The Wall, Swan St.

Manchester (061 832 6625), doors open 8.30pm, £3.50. * HUMPHREY LYTTELTON: Still

capable of holding his own against the younger generation, he appears with his regular band, including planist Stan Greig. University College School, Frognal, London NW3 (01-435 2215), 7.45pm, 25 at door. Proceeds to charity.

* DEWEY REDMAN: Closing night from the Old and New Dreems saxophonist, accompanied by the house trio led by

Peter Ind. Base Clef, 35 Coronet St. London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, 25.50. ☆ JOHN DANKWORTH: Reunion time as the composer-saxophonist assembles players from the Dankworth Seven and the

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DANCE

* THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's complicated version of the Tchalkovsky classic for English National Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £5-

 LAURENTIA: The virtuoso pas de six from Chabuldani's heroic ballet is given by the Royal Ballet with a revival of Ashton's great romantic comedy La Fille Mal Gardee. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, 21-

GALLERIES

THEMATA: New drawings by Deanna Petherbridge which introduce figures into imagined architectural settings. Fischer Fine Art, 50 King St, London SW1 (01-839 3942), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Set 10am-12.30pm, free, until

OLEG TSELKOV: Paintings by a leading avant-garde Russian artist, Conneught Brown, 2 Albermarie St, London W1 (01-408 0362), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Feb 24.

SHADOW OF THE GUILLOTINE: Books. paintings and ephemera evolding Britzin's response to the French Whitworth Art Gellery, Whitworth Park, Menchester (061 273 4865), Mon-Set 10am-5pm, free until Mar 3.

INIGO JONES (1573-1652): Drawings of buildings, costumes and set designs by the architect of the Queen's House,



Wheeler (above) celebrates his sixtieth birthday with an Arts Council tour, beginning to: with a concert at the Oneen Elizabeth Hall, London (see listings). Born in Canada, Wheeler spent some time in New York and then left for Britain, where he began his career as a big band section player, becoming an outstanding soloist. Now rein this country, his own big band features in the tour, along with an international array of players including Dave Holland, Peter Erskine and John Abercrombie.

Greenwich and Banqueting House, Whitehall. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadill Lordon W1 (01-439 7438), daily 10em-fpm, £2.50, until Feb 25.

SIR ALIFRED MUNKINGS PRA (1878-1959): A full survey of work by the horse

painter. Castle Museum, Norwich (0603 222222), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free until Feb 18. BERNARD COHEN: Paintings from the last decade by the Slade Professor of

Waddington Galleries, 2 Cork St, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free until

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OTHER EVENTS

WEST LONDON ANTIQUES FAIR: Ninety leading UK dealers selling mainly pre-18th century antiques including pre-18th century antiques including furniture, pottery, clocks, Victorian kitchenware and garden statuary. Kentington Town Hall, Hornton St., London W8, Until Jan 21. Today, tomorrow 11am-8pm; Sat and Sun 11am-6pm. Admission £3 includes centrol [18].

EASTBOURNE IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION: Demonstrations and Extrem Hurre Demonstrators and disture displays devoted to home and leisure interests including coolery and leyboard instruments, golf, fashion plus challenge snocker, darts and bowls. Children's entertainments. Despriphies Park Cantre. Easthourse Devonstire Park Centre, Eastbourne. Until Jan 21. Today noon-9pm, tomorrow 10.30-9pm; Sat and Sun 10.30am-6pm. Adult 50p, child 20p. DAVID SELLAMY PLATFORM

MANCE: Question and answer. ion with the famous botanist, writer proadcaster on the crucial subject and broadca of conservation.
Olivier Theatre, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252), 8pm; 92.50.

HELPING THE WORLD HELP ITSELF? Joint presentation of slides, videos and talks by The Friends of Kisumu and VSO. Hetheshments provided. The Committee Room, Park Campus, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 7.30pm.

TALKS

SEE UNDER — LOVE: David Grossman discusses his latest novel, a love-story set in the shadow of the Holocaust. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3847), 1pm, £1.60, plus £1 day

WALKS HISTORIC WESTMINSTER: Meet Westminster tube, 2pm, £4 (01-44)

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £4 (01-937 4281).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MALVERN FESTIVAL: General booking work verue **ESTIVAL General accounts now open for programme including Anthony Hopkins talking about music, Victorian evening with Prunella Scales, Gibbert and Sullivan with the ENO, and appearances by Frank Muir, Anthony Goldstone, and Marisa Robles. May 20-June 2. Festival Theatra, Grange Rd, Malvern, Worcestershire (0684 892277).

GEORGE WELCH: Concert in "Next to lest thoughts" series features UK
premiere of Eric Satie's *Upsud arranged*by Andre Hugil; plus *Entracte* with film
by Rene Clair. Feb 2.
Blackheath Concert Halla, 23 Lee Rd,
London SE3 (01-463 0100).

CHELTENHAM EVERYMAN: Colebrity concerts include Tom O'Connor (Feb 4)

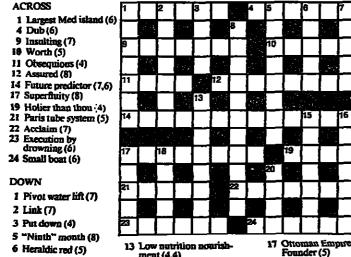
Frankie Howerd (Mar 4), Pasadens Roof Orchestra (Apr 1), Romae Scott Cuantet (May 13), and Cotswold Savoyards concert (June 10). Everymen, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573). LAST CHANCE

FLYING FASHION: Clothes from Harrie Quimby, America's first licensed women pilot, to predicted trands for 1990s. Ends Sun. RAF Messeum, Hendon, London NW9 (01-200 1783).

IVON HITCHENS: South Bank touring show. Ends Set. Ediaburgh City Art Centre (031 225 2424 ext 6650).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair, Jazz: Clive Davis: Dance: John Percival: Galleries: David Lee, Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne

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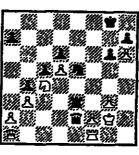
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WORD-WATCHING

(b) A Thompson sub-ma-chine-gen, as curried in a violin case on e.g. St. Val-entine's Day. Also applied to the quick-firing AA gun on Royal Navy ships (Pou-nom) pom). TIPPERARY RIFLE (a) A blackthorn version of (a) A bracking a version of the Penang lawyer, a shille-lagh or alpeen, or tough cudgel conswalking stick for whacking the natives with.

SPANISH WORM (a) A nail buried in wood and located only by the edge of a tool striking it. Why so called I can't imagine, except that Spanish has been a common English pejorative since the 16th century. When it's my chisel, I know what I call it.

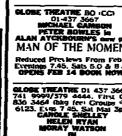
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REPORT HELTON KEYNES: Hilary

Davan Wetton conducts the Milton

Reynes Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's Zauberflöte Overture, Ciprieni Potter's Symphony No 10 and, with Anthony Goldstone as solotst, Beethoven's Plano Concerto No 5 "Emperor." St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-7.

☆ REFLECTIONS, CONNECTURES:
Daniel Thomas (guitar) and Ashley
Solomon (flute) give the world premieres
of Paul Robert's Double Reflections and
Patrick Harvey's Conjectures besides
playing Lloyd's Five Senses,
Shinohara's Fragments, Takemitsu's
Towards the Sea, Dodgson's Capriccio
and Brouwer's La Espiral Eterna.
British Music Information Centre, 10
Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499)
8567), 7.30pm, free.

OPERA

★ HANSEL AND GRETEL: English National Opera's New Year revival continues its run: Christine Botes and Alison Hagley take over the title roles, with James Holmes conducting.

Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.45pm, 23-933

* ERIC CLAPTON: The old man of

risk blief state in the Proms.

Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore,
London SW7 (01-589 8212) 7.30pm,
213.50-£17.50, for 18 nights.

☆ THE DAN REED NETWORK:

English blues says he now regards this his third such annual residency, as a

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Recently seen supporting Bon Jovi, the
Oregon five-piece dispenses highenergy hard rock with a begulling touch
of funk at the margins.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Rd, London
WC2 (01-434 0403), 7.30pm, 26.

* ERASURE: Continuing the second leg of the duo's longest ever UK tour, at the end of which they will have

people. SECC, Finnieston St, Glasgow (041 248

* SIMPLY RED: Home fixture for Mick

Hucknail's blue-eyed soul experience, G-Mex, City Centre, Manchester (061 834 2700) 7.30pm, £12-£14, also

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OTHER EVENTS Con an interior

Peter Waymark

• Just when we thought that the avalanche of 1980s retrospectives had run its course, along comes yet another batch. But Notes in the Margin (BBC2, 8.20pm) is more than a simple raid on the archives. The series is an opportunity for six writers to offer "opinionated and partial views of the decade" and in doing so to guess at how future generations will interpret the evidence of the last 10 years. In tonight's opener, the author and journalist Angela Phillips explores the role of the British father. Advertising images suggest a closeness of fathers and children that would have been exceptional when the 1980s dawned. The



Writer Angela Phillips: explores the role of the British father (BBC2, 8.20pm)

Mothercare catalogue increasingly fea-tures babies with dads. In an Andi car commercial the big event of a man's life is attending the birth of his child. But Phillips contends the concept of the new man, home and family centred, is largely a myth. Men still give little help with household chores. Though more women are returning to work after childbirth, they are still doing the poorly paid part-time jobs. And the Thatcherite enterprise culture has meant longer hours of work and fathers seeing their children even less. A trade union official who insists on leaving work in time to collect his children is considered by his workmates to be less than committed to the job. So much, Phillips argues, for the Thatcher view of the family as the cornerstone of society. The real cornerstone is the worship of work. It is a lively polemic which departs from the conventions of traditional television documentary by using such devices as split screens, captions and dramatized sequences. • There is a strong element of no children) in Frank Cvitanovich's film for 40 Minutes (BBC2, 9.30pm). Roy and Merlyn Suckling, he a pilot and she a former barrister, run their own airline. It is Britain's smallest, with four flights a day from Cambridge to Manchester and msterdam, and operates as a small and intimate family business where the bosses are not too proud to do the chores (Merlyn scrubs the plane's steps with Dettol and a Brillo pad) and staff and customers know each other on Christian name terms. Suckling Airways would seem to be worth patronizing, purely for the enticing in-flight meals, prepared in their own homes by two dedicated souls, Elaine and Julie.

6.00 Coefex. 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes regular news headlines, business and financial reports, sports results, regional news, weather and travel bulletins plus a look at the

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and travel bulletins plus a look at the morning papers with Paul Callan 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television 9.20 Kilrey, Robert Kilroy-Sik chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Golins For Gold (r)

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10.55 Five to Eleven. Douglas
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11.00 News and weather followed by
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12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Alan Trichmarsh and Judi Spiers with the kunchtime magazine, which includes a visit to the areas that inspired the author J. R. R. Tolkien 12.85 Regional news and weather.

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

1.30 Neighbours. Beverly bursts in upon the Robinson family to tell them the devasting news. (Ceetad)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly hosts another round of the European central knowledne quiz

another round of the European general knowledge quiz Film: Last Triain from Gun Hill (1958, b/w), starring Kirk Douglas, Anthony Quinn and Earl Holliman. Western about a mershal who goes in search of the men who killed his wife. He discovers that one of them is the son of an old friend who would also make a powerful enemy if they fall out. Directed by John Sturges

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3.50 Dooby Duck's Disco Bes (r) 3.55 Charlie Chalk (r) 4.10 Jacksnery. Nick Withon with part four of Dick King-Smith's Martin's Mice 4.25 New Yogi Bear Show 4.30 Atfonso Bonzo. Episode three

4.58 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter features a special compilation of Caron Keating's adventures during the series, the viewers' favourite to be shown on Caron's last programme. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

6.30 Newsrooms South East

7.00 Top of the Pope introduced by Nicky Campbell (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)

7.30 EastEnders. Anticipating the arrival of the newest member of the household, lan asks Pat and Sharon to put on a spread for his family in the pub which, unwitingly, will give the baby's real father his first gimpse of the Child. (Ceefax)

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Tomorrow's World. In tonight's

Venture report — a technique which has been devised in Manchester for incinerating tyres and then recycling the products for use on building sites, plus a look at a plastic safe which is wirtually impenetrable. With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford and Peter Marsan.

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8.30 lifey to December. Zoe invites
Alec out for an Indian meal but then
comes up against out-dated
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conventions when he refuses to allow her to pay, (Ceefax)

9.00 Mine O'Clock News with Martyn
Lewis. Regional news and weather

8.30 One Foot in the Grave. Victor finds that even early retirement has its drawbacks — getting mugged, having graffiti scribbled on the side of the house and suffering noise from the central heating

10.00 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Among the 10.00 Cit

crimes re-enacted is the case of a 24-year-old car dealer from Oldham, who was reported missing in October 1988, and whose body was discovered last September in Baitings Dam, Ripponden, West Yorkshire.

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(Ceefax)
Question Time chaired by Peter
Sissons. The guests are John
Banham, director-general of the
Confederation of British Industry,
journalist Mary Holland, David
Mellor MP, Minister of State at the
Home Office and George
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11.45 Crimewatch UK Update. News of developments since tonight's earlier programme. (Ceefax)

(SEE TOWN CONTROL S 6.00 TV-era begins with News and Good Morning Britain introduced by Linda Mitchell and, from 7.00, by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.20 and 9.00. After Mine feetures Cleica Rouser with

Nine features Claire Rayner with her problem postbag

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55

Thames News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott is in the chair for another

Scott is in the chair for another topical discussion

Title Moraling. Magazine saries presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes family doctor Chris Steele with advice on how to look after the family's health, Anna Soubry with the latest gossip on Britain's top soaps, help with the problems facing the over-60s and teaching young children to read. With national news at 11.55 followed by national weather 0 The Riddlers. For the young 12.30 House and Away. Stacey and Phillip agree to end their practice contract and their relationship and

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1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
Weather 1.20 Thames News

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A Country Practice. Australian drama centred on a community health contra in the cultival. centre in the outback

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3.00 Give Us a Clue. Lionel Blair and
Liza Goddard are joined by Ross
Davidson, Bob Hoiness, Jayne
Irving, Rula Lenske, Libby Morris and
Robin Nedwell 3.25 Thames
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Daughters. Pamela finds the right
way to twist Nick around her finger
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puts Lynda's job on the line. (Oracle)
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8.40 News with Flora Armstrong. Weather

6.06 Home and Away (r)

6.25 Thames News and weather

6.50 Thames Help. Jackle Spreckley
with details of the Muscular
Dystrophy Group

7.00 Emmerdale. Joe and Kate's
partnership takes on a whole new

meaning Survival: All at Sea. How seabirds

choose their nesting places
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8.00 The Bill: A Day Lost. The officers
of Sun Hill become concerned about
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estate. (Oracle)
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9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock
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when he told his extraordinary story but, fortunately, he chose to confide in Mycroft, the brother of Sherlock Holmes (r). (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somervile. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.35 The City Progressme. Policing the city — is self-regulation out of date?

11.05 01-for London includes Mandy Rice-Davies reviewing Scenes From a Class Struggle in Beverty Hills; Robert Powell on Jesus of Montreal; Joss Ackland discussing A Dry White Season; and lan McKellen on the play Bent Followed by Crimestoppers

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama set in an Australian women's prison 12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers emotional pro

experts

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Followed by News headines

2.00 Film: Save the Tiger (1972),
starring Jack Lemmon and Jack
Gilford. Harry Stoner is a middleaged businessman who is unhappy with the falling morelity of American society. His fears are confirmed when, on his way to work, he gives a lift to a girl hipple who immediately offers to sleep with him. Directed by John G Avildsen. Followed by News

headlines 4.00 Three's Company, Comedy series
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News and weather followed by a programme on music from vibrating

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2.15 Antiques Roadshow from Paignton (r). (Ceefax)
3.60 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Includes Prime Minister's Question Time 3.50

News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Word puzzle game
4.30 Behind the Headlines wifti Paul
Boateng and Jeffrey Archer
5.00 The Lake. Kashmir's Lake Dai (r)
5.10 Horizon: Medicine 2000 (r).
(Cesfax) (Ceefax)

6.00 Film: Ziggy Standust and the
Spiders from Mars (1982). David
Bowle recorded in concert at Hammersmith Odeon in 1973.

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Directed by D. A. Pennebaker.
7.30 Wideworld: A World That
Watches. The second of two awardwinning films about North
America's Koyukon Indians
8.20 Notes in the Margin 1980-89 (see
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Choice)
9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus
includes the celebrated dead parrot

sketch (r)
40 Minutes: Derling, Let's Start
Up an Airline. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
I Screenpley Firsts: June, by Jim
Cartwright, When June receives a 10.10 Sc cassette from her wartime Gl lover, it sets in motion an uncontrollable stream of feelings and emotions which she had desperately tried to suppress over the last 40 years. Starring Marjorie Yates.

10.30 Newsnight 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and

entertainments magazine series 11.55 Weather 12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Film: Neptune's Daughter (1949), starring Esther Williams and Rad Skelton. A comedy of mistaken identities, serving as a framework for axtravagant displays of song, dance, comedy and swimming. Directed by Edward Buzzeli
3.45 Movie Nuseum (b/w) Bicycle Police (1902) and it's a Gift (1923)
4.00 Not de Sunday includes a took at how far ecuminism has gone in this country

country Countdown. Another edition of the 4.30 Count words and numbers game. The cuestionmaster is Richard Whiteley, assisted by Ernie Wise 5.00 Treasure Hunt in Cornwall, With Kenneth Kendall and Anneka Rice (r).

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6.00 Club X-Tra: Proverbs of Pop. King

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Creole comes to London (r)
6.30 Kate & Alie. Chip gets into a fight
at school, but won't discuss it once
he gets home (r)
7.00 Channel Four News with Nicholas
Owen and Zelnab Badewi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather.
8.00 Painters to the People.
Christopher Wood takes a look at
Victorian painters and painting
8.30 Brees. Bradley's infatuation with
Prudence is mistaken for insanity by
his family. Starring Timothy West
and Joanna David (r)
9.00 Traffik. Helen's family's security is
in danger when she is hounded by
Karl's creditors (r)
10.00 Solovid Power. A documentary
look at one of the Soviet Union's

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look at one of the Soviet Union's most notorious prison camps, Solovki, set on an island just south of the Arctic circle

11.45 Sumo. Wrestling from Tokyo Introduced by Lyall Watson

12.15am Film: My Friend Ivan Lapshin
(1984 b/w). Set in Statin's Soviet
Union at a time before the purges the story of Lapshin, adetective who is successful in his search for criminals but unsuccessful in his criminals but unsuccessful in his personal pursuit of a local actress. Directed by Alexei Gherman. Ends at 2.05

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SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00am World Business Report 5.30
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Satellite Shop 2.00pm No Means No: Drama, exploring the sexual pressures faced by young girls 3.00 Taking Care of Terrific: A babysitter's unexpected adventures 4.00 Asterix in Britain (1986): Animated 4.00 Asterix in Britain (1986): Animated adventure of the Gallic superhero 6.00 Roses Are for the Rich (1987): Conclusion of Autumn's (Lisa Hartman) revenge for the death of her husband 7.40 Entertainment Tonight 8.00 Stag (1988): Phoebe Cates, Annabeth Gish, Bridgit Fonda and Page Hannah on a fun weekend at Myrtle Beach

9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on

Sky
10.00 Mayflower Medam (1987):
Candice Bergen as the proprietor of a
high-class New York escort service
11.45 Helf's Belles (1969): Crosscountry motorbike chase
1.30am On the Line (1984): David
Carreline sets out to stop days service Carradine sets out to stop drug smuggling across the US-Mexican border
4.00 Grandview USA (1984): Demolition drama derby, featuring C. Thomas Howell, Jamie Lee Curtis and Patrick Swayze. Ends at 5.40am

EUROSPORT

5.00am World Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Menu 9.00 Australian Open Tennis 11.00 Trans World Sport 12.00 UK 11.00 Trans World Sport 12.00 UK Snooker Championships 1.00pm World Cup Football 2.00 Curling 3.00 US Skins Golf 3.00 Australian Open Tennis 6.00 Mobil Motor Sport News 6.30 Surfer Magazine 7.00 Havoc 9 8.00 Curling 9.00 Ford Snow Report 9.05 Australian Open Tennis 10.00 Residents I 12.00 Open Tennis 10.00 Basketbali 12.00 UK Snooker Championships

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SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports 8.00 NFL American Football 10.00 Golf 11.30 Spain Spain Sport 11.45 Wide World of Sport 12.45pm Boxing 2.15 College Football
4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Rugby
League 7.30 NFL American Football 9.30
Pro Bowlers 10.45 Argentina Football
Special 12.15am ice Skating

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jaka's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search For Tomorrow 10.25 Slim Cooking 10.55 Spain Spain 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Cop Shop 2.40 Search For Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 Cinema 4.45 American Gameshows

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30mm until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm 5.90mm Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Ba 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 12.30pta Newsbest 12.45
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RADIO 2

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6.65am Weather and News Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Delkus (Eventyr "Once Upon a Time": Halls Orchestra under Vernon Handleyt; Greinger (Scotch Straths; and Rael: ECO under Benjamin Britten; Ambrosian Singars)
7.30 News

7.39 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Monteverdi (Toccata "Orfeo": His Majasties Sagbutts and Cornetts under John Ellot Gardiner Strozzi (L'Astratto erto Vocale); Handel

Martin Linde) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
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(1921-8). Misci (Orpheus
CO); The Makropoulos

Tennhauser": London Symphony Orchestra); Strauss (Death and Transfiguration: Royal Philhermonic Orchestra) 111.10 Busnols: Mediaval

most famous song. "Fortuna desperata", by other composers (r) under James Lockhart performs, Tchelkovsky (Suite No 3 in G); Prokofiev (Plano Concerto No 3 in C)

English Baroque Soloists): Louis Couperin (Suite in D: Davitt Moroney, harpsichord); Barbara Coloniensis under Hans-

Cuss, Act 1, excerpts
(Vienna PO under Charles
Mackerras); Concerto for
piano and chamber
ensemble (Czach Chamber
Ensemble under Václav

Neumann)

9.35 Upaj: Kanneth Stillio, violin,
Anthony Goldstone, plano,
perform Besthoven (Violin
Sonata in A minor, Op 23);
John Mayer (Upej
"Impromptu" – first
proadcast); Matyas Seiber (Violin Sonata)
(Violin Sonata)
110.30 Jasche Horenstein
Conducts: Wagner
(Venusberg Music

Ensemble of London under Peter Davies and Timothy Davies performs songs by the French Reneissance composer, interspersed with instrumental versions of his

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1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert: Live from Studio
One, Pabble Mill. Schubert
Ensemble of London
performs Schubert (Adagio
and roade concertants in F and rondo concertante in F. O 487): Fauré (Piano Quartet No 1 in C minor, Op

RADIO 3

2.00 Fidelio: Philhermonia Chorus and Orchestra under Otto Klemperer perform the final version of Beethoven's only opera. Beethoven's only opera. Text by Josef Sonnleitner and Georg Friedrich Treitschka. Set in an 18thcentury Spanish state prison, not far from Seville. Sung in German (see

Sung in Security
Choice)
4.20 Plano Ministures by Frank
Bridge: The planist Peter
Walfrisch performs Three
Poems; Hidden Fires;
Canzonetta; Graziella; A 5.00 Music for Gultar: The

unusse for saleral? The quitarist Charles Ramirez performs D. Scarlatti, arr Ramirez (Sonata in A, Kk 322; Sonata in A minor, Kk 462); Erika Fox (Nick's Lament) (r) **8.30** Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Natalle Wheen in conversation with the conversation with the American composer Conion Nancarrow in his Mexican studio where, over the past 40 years, he has written his studies for the player piano 7.30 Ravel: Royal Concert-

Ravet: Hoyau Concer-gebouw Orchastra; Amsterdam Netherlands Radio Chorus under Riccardo Chailly performs Daptinis and Chioa 8.30 Women Walting, by Richard Nelson. Read by Shelley Neison, read by snewey
Thompson

8.50 Zemlinsky, Schoenberg and
the Apprentice Berg: The
planist Jean-Jacques Dünkl

performs Zeminsky (Ländliche Tänze); Berg (A group of early unpublished pieces: Minuet in F; impromptu in C minor; Waitz in G; impromptu in B minor; Fragment of a Sonata; Twelve Variations on an Original Thems - first UK broadcast); Schoenberg (Five Pieces, Op 23) 9.35 King Cutler II: A selection of poems, songs and stories from Phyllis King and Ivor Cutier

16.05 Music in Our Time: Ligeti
Then, Ligeti Now, London
Sinfonierta under Eigar
Howerth, with Adrienne

cello, performs Ligeti (Cello Concerto, 1966); Kurtag (Four Cepriccios, Op 9 – first UK performance of revised score); Ligeti (Fiano Concerto — first performance of final, five-movement version)
11.00 Composers of the West: Bach (r) 12.00 News 12.05em Close

Csengery, soprano, Christopher Van Kampen,

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Fo s) Stereo on FM sems Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day with Maureen Pamphilon (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 7.34, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.25 Weather Parliament 8.25 Weather

Yesterday in ment **8-55** Weather 9.05 Face the Facts with John Waite (r)

9.30 All in the Mind: Professor
Anthony Clare with the
magazine devoted to
matters of the mind

10.00 News; The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keelin and Nick Davies report on odours that make domestic cass behave strangely and the antics of gerden birds the antics of gerden birds 11.09 News; Citizens 11.25 My Heroes; Citizens 11.25 My Heroes; Citif Morgan talks to biographer and musician Humphrey Carpenter about the people who bear influenced him

who have influenced him 11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters. The closure of a ward is freed by Leofs Bose from The closure of a ward is faced by Leelo Ross from her hospital bed

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard

12.25pm The Senses: Six plays by Bob Sinfield, 3: Sight (s) (r) 12.25 Weather

1.00 The World at One with James Nauchtie

James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the 1989 fashion designers of the year, Workers for Preedom; an item on stammering; a discussion on performance-related pay; and a feature on the treatment of circus

3.00 News; Inside Me: improvised drama, devised and directed by Adrian Mousby. Terl (Tessa Gearing) dares not tall her mother about the wonderful thing that has happened to her (s) (see Choice)

her (a) (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde
reports from Paris on
Marcel Pagnot and Agatha
Christie. With Chantal Cuer
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Presented by
Nigel Andrews. Includes a
report on the Theatre
Registica of Prague;
Rosemary Hartill reviews

the Canadian film Jesus of Montreal, including an interview with the director, Dennis Arcand (s) (r) 5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report 6.30 Just a Minutel Non-stop talking quiz hosted by Nicholas Parsons. With Barry Cryer, Clement Freud Peter Jones and Wendy

Richard (s) (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Soundtrack: Part 3: School for Detectives. The climax of a 10-week course for student detectives at the police training college in Birmingham. Success or failure will determine their future in the CID (s)

8.00 A Nearby Country: James Naughtie examines the differences in education in England and Scotland 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled. Presented by Kati Whitzker 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Alien. A report on International mime theatre groups, gathering for festivals in London and resinvals in London and Phymouth; Kate Saunders reviews the films Walcome Home and Scenes From The Class Struggle in Beverly Hills; and there is an interview with Lord Snowlen (s)

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S-45 The Financial World Tonight
S-59 Weather
10-90 The World Tonight with
Richard Kershaw (s)
19-45 A Book at Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Lover, by
D.H. Lawrence (14 of 15) (s)
11.00 The Sitteford Mystery: Part
3: Emily Goes to Work.
Emily (Melinda Walker) is
determined to prove the

determined to prove the innocence of her flancé, arrested for the munder of his uncle. A five-pert dramatization of Agatha Christie's novel (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30em News, incl 12.33 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forncest Forecast FM as LW except: 9.05-10.45em For Schools (incl) 11.00-12.00 For Schools
1.85pm Listering Corner (s)
2.05-3.00 For Schools (s) 3.505.55 PM (continued) 12.301.10am Night School

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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

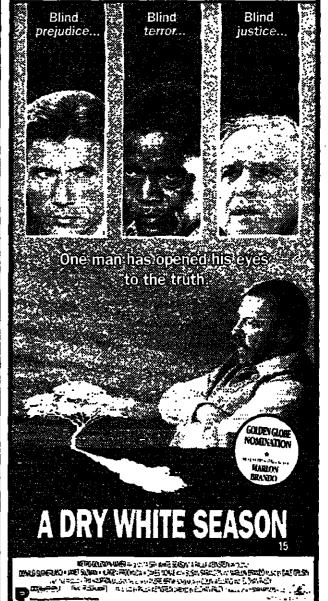
 To spare you the sensation of déia-entendu if you happen to be station-hopping today and stumble across something familiar from Fidelio (Radio 3, 2.00pm), let me tell you that what you are hearing is the two-act 1814 version of Beethoven's solitary opera that you will have grown up with, not the three-act 1805 version that Radio 3 put out last Saturday under the title Leonore. Today's production has undergone a cast change (Christa Ludwig is the 1814 Leonore, and Jon Vickers the Florestan), a conductor change (Klemperer) and an orchestra and chorus change



Tessa Gearing: the secretive daughter (Radio 4, 3.00pm)

• Inside Me (Radio 4, 3.00pm), from the BBC's Cardiff studios, is improvised drama, of the Mike Leigh school. Adrian Mourby devised and directed it, and he no News, incl 12.20 has put his small cast through the emotional mangle all right - daughter (Tessa Gearing) has a secret she daren't tell Mum; Mum (Glenys Evans) has a secret she daren't tell her daughter, son-in-law (Greg Cullen) is coming apart at the seams. As with most unscripted drama, the absence of a formal structure means the tension sometimes slackens, but the climax of Inside Me is as tense as a drumskin.

'Brando is sensational'



from Tomorrow

CURZON WEST END SCANNON School Stands Comment of the Control of th

From Peter Guilford, Strasbourg

dent of the European Com- could be modelled on a less mission, has rekindled the powerful version of West debate on the European Community by calling for a ment in Bonn, which takes the work", giving genuine decision-making powers to the Commission and an enhanced

He also firmly endorsed a within the EC - which Herr welcomed from Paris - and called for an ambitious economic and political dialogue with Eastern Europe.

This, he implied, could entail EC governments dipping deeper into their pockets to fund a major increase in

East Germany can expect eks closer links with the European Community, Mr William Waldegrave, the For-eign Office minister, said yesterday, reversing previo British policy Page ... Page 7

expenditure on Eastern Europe.

In a keynote speech to MEPs in Strasbourg yes-terday, M Delors declared that the time had come for institutional reform in the EC. The 12 should confront the uncertain future of their continent by turning the Brussels Commission into a "real executive", answerable to and counter-balanced by democratic institutions of the theatrical - led him to future Federation".

The respective powers of national assemblies and the potential threat to EC unity. European Parliament should be clearly delineated, and the to a call by President Mittertwo should collaborate. in order to ensure full demo-

By Philip Webster and Jonathan Brande

in Hong Kong

Britain is to seek urgent clarification

from China of an apparently serious

new threat to the Government's

nationality package for Hong Kong.

Secretary, flew back from the col-

ony, a leading Chinese official

announced that top officials would

have to renounce all rights of abode

in foreign countries after the terri-

tory reverts to Chinese control in

1997. He said Hong Kong people

As Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign

M Jacques Delors, the presi- the Commission's new look Germany's central govern-"institutional frame- major decisions and delegates others to regional authorities.

British Government of-

ficials in Strasbourg were swift role to the European to denounce the implications of M Delors' speech, calling it "premature to consider inpotentially unified Germany stitutional reform". Despite reassurances from the Com-Herr Helmut Kohl, the West mission, the Government German Chancellor, promptly fears a stronger Commission would automatically reduce the powers of the Council of Ministers, through which the 12 take most of the EC's

Outlining his strategy for the EC in 1990, M Delors said decisive steps towards Eco-nomic and Monetary Union (EMU) must be matched by a new political strength and

After the spring, the com-mission will publish a report on the envisaged final shape of EMU and one on adjustments to FC institutions.

M Delors is adamant that the inter-government conference billed to start at the end of the year, should embrace full political union as well as EMU. He will push the 12 to find a

new political cohesion and prove its worth during talks in Bonn in March - within the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe - by negotiating Europe's future with one voice. His fear of EC disintegra-

tion - whether genuine or describe the conference on security and co-operation as a He also gave a cool response

rand of France for a confederation of European states, warning that political union in A top aide to M Delors said the EC must precede this step.

Delors urges | Fords face all-out national strike



Ford workers in a noisy demonstration outside Bayswater House where the talks were held in London yesterday

Continued from page 1

Union negotiators immediately threw out the "final offer" which added just half a per cent to the second year offer of 7.5% or the rate of inflation plus 2.5%, whichever was the greater. The deal would have added about £40

to nav nackets over the two years. It will be put to workers in a secret ballot next However, negotiators warned that

Parliament ...

Keeping cool ..

Government's ill-conceived plans to

award UK passports to 50,000 so

called key people". He said that

everyone who got a passport would

inevitably seek to go to Britain

before 1997, "making nonsense of

the Government's claim that the

purpose of their plan is to anchor

However, Mr Hurd repeated his

those people to Hong Kong."

shop floor feeling was so great that they expected a vote for an all-out strike, which would cost Ford £30 million a day. Mr Jack Adams, the TGWU chief

negotiator, said: "We have exhausted the negotiations. We would describe the company's movement as a marginal rence. We thought the company would have moved a lot more to identify the areas of concern of our members but

More than 500 Ford workers staged a noisy demonstration outside the company's offices in Bayswater, London, urging managers to increase their offer. A day of action halted production at virtually all the company's major production plants.

Mr John Hougham, the company's British personnel director, said it was now up to the employees to accept the offer or "the stark alternative of a strike."

China may block Hong Kong citizens' British rights

Political sketch

Anguishing over the outer darkness

we say, cachet - at Westminster to be able to make a point (or cause a stir) by one's presence alone. Such cachet can be enduring or temporary, noble or ignoble.

For an instance of temporary and ignoble cachet, take Mr Ron Brown. Brown caused a flurry of interest vesterday simply by sitting down. He was not called. How about cachet of the enduring and noble sort?

There are clever people at Westminster, there are principled people; and there are people who stick to their runs. Unfortunately they are almost never the same people. An instance has yet to be recorded of a clever and principled person sticking to the right guns. But - while we wait — let us draw inspiration from the principled Mr Peter Shore (Lab, Bethnal Green and Stepney) who has stuck intelligently to the wrong guns for as long as anyone can

A veteran sceptic about the EC, Mr Shore told Nicholas Ridley (the Industry Sec-retary) that there had been a "reckless handover to Brussels of the power to oversee trans-national takeovers". Heaven knows if he's right (Ridley denied it) - but he didn't half sound impressive!

And the pext session - a Statement on Hong Kong from the Foreign Secretary illustrated a silent example of enduring and noble cachet: Sir Peter Tapsell (C, Lindsey

Sir Peter was night about Rhodesia before Mrs Thatcher and has paid the penalty since 1979. Foreign Office slang calls everything that isn't Britain, America or the EC. "the outer darkness". No Tory backbencher stays in closer touch than Sir Peter with "the outer darkness".

For months, he has attended every Statement, De-bate and Private Notice Ouestion on Hong Kong and the refugee problem, but (in my observation) has never spoken. Sir Peter just sits there, looking concerned. It is well known that he understands these issues better than most, yet he turns to listen to speaker after speaker without ever rising himself. His informed, silent presence is worrying beyond words. But the Commons struggle

Some Tories are rebelling over granting citizenship to 50,000 Hong Kong people: but their leader, Norman Tebbit did not turn up. The Foreign Secretary sounded self-assured. Paddy Ashdown gracefully congratulated him

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on his Hong Kong visit, while Dr Owen actually nudged Hurd from the political right His Opposition Shadow Gerald Kaufman, was articulate but there was no steam behind Labour indignation nerhans because Mr Rand. man's colleagues are united in condemning the figure of 50,000 only in that some of them think it should be more

and others, less, Why was more progress not being made towards establishing a democratic government in Hong Kong prior to 1997, Kaufman asked, in tones of meral indignation? But everyone knows why. It is, as Hurd explained, because HMG's preference is to agree the pace of change with Peking. So Kaufman's indignation

should properly have been directed at Communist China and to poke a moralizing finger in a courteous Foreign Secretary's ribs seemed less than frank and less than brave. He should be sailing up the Yangtse to talk to Deng On the Amnesty Inter-

national Report, however, Kaufman was more convincing. This report, he said charges the Hong Kong authorities with serious abuses of refugees. The Foreign Secretary

looked mildly shocked. These were "not accepted" he said. Well I never! Anyway, he added, he had observed some of the "screening interviews" himself recently, while visiting the camps - and every thing was done quite correctly.

Odd, that, "The Foreign Secretary's visiting this morning, boys" one had pictured the camps-boss announcing to his lieutenants "so make a point of acting sadistically, would you? We do want him to get an accurate picture." There were murmurs of

support, and murmurs of Sir Peter Tapsell joined neither. He just sat there,

Matthew Parris is tipping in Mr Hurd's

'Way of life threatened'

experienced the break-up of its parents' marriage before four out of five lone mothers claiming income support were receiving no maintenance from the father.

She said: "No father should

responsibility" and, as predicted in yesterday's Times, Mr Tony Newton, the Social Security Secretary, announced studies are to begin, designed to set up a comprehensive new system which will ensure that absent fathers pay towards the maintenance of their families.

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YESTERDAY

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 6pm today:

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,194

allowed to seek British consular

The statement, risking further

damage to the confidence of the

Hong Kong community, was refuted

by Mr Hurd as he reported to the

Commons on his visit and by senior

However, Mr Gerald Kaufman,

Labour's foreign affairs spokesman,

said the statement in Canton by Mr

Lu Ping, deputy secretary general of

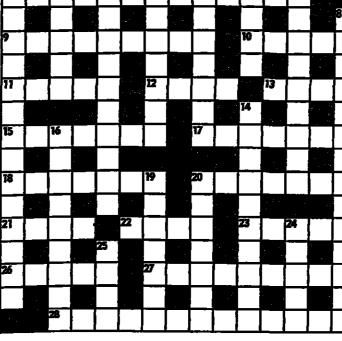
the committee drafting the basic law

planned for Hong Kong after 1997,

protection once the territory re-

turned to Chinese rule.

Foreign Office officials.



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1 It describes the nature of work, as in "Plans work out" (10,3).

9 Camp that overlaps Viking's (9). 10 A society chap - thus an insider

11 Do see about author (5). 12 Song told a story (4).

13 Tramps to be deprived of cover? It's in the wind (4),

15 University department's conferred power (7). 17 Sort of verb I've deleted in this passage (7).

18 To go over it takes an age, ends in utmost fatigue (7). 20 Roused a man, without being married (7).

21 Opening in State education for a sportsman (4). 22 Church not completed by

23 Emperor besieging Germany's

Solution to Puzzle No 18,193 PIDOG RAPACIOUS

capital - a colourful man (5). 26 Girl with one left boot (5). 27 Craft in mid-air sent back not

one message (9), 28 Those following one closely may be kept waiting (4,4,5).

1 Distrssed, I feared Gestapo might discover food (4,2,4,4).

2 Like 13, with a lot of grass (5).

No longer suspected, I can let her out (2.3,5).
West Midlands town featured in a Bronte novel (7). 5 Budding climber makes it, proceeding from foot of Matter-horn (7).

6 Tibetan monk - a native of S. America, they say (4). 7 Women's waste receptacle — when inside, it's used for cleaning (4-5). 8 Quotes from card "Is Movement

Changing?" (8,6). 14 Nick and Thomas worked together to make a coat (10). 16 Dear John won't make a travel-

19 Prohibition threw up nothing to attract my interest (7). 20 Persuade the French to support western note (7).

24 Wolf - a man short of energy 25 A group of countries stop talking

Concise crossword, page 20

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard TOPONYMOUS GERMAN COMB a. A Pickelbar c. A hand CHICAGO PIANO

a. Fats Waller's style b. A gan TIPPERARY RIFLE a. An alpeen Burgiary in a time of politica c. A 14-gauge shotgua

SPANISH WORM . Cantharis larva Answers on page 20

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was a "torpedo right through the statement that British citizens in ment which they said came from a

British consular protection.

Hong Kong would be able to seek

The decision announced in Can-

only that these officials be Chinese nationals and long-time residents of Hong Kong. The Foreign Office was attempting to play down the state-

land. Sleet or snow on hills. Cloud will increase to bring more persistent rain to north-west Scotland in the afternoon. Over north-west England and north Wales, a few showers are also likely but these will tend to die out. Southern Wales, along with southern and eastern England, will be mostly dry with

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subcommittee of the drafting exercise. A senior offical said: "This statement causes concern. We are not complacent. We will need to seek clarification. We need to get to the bottom of it." Whitehall sources explained that

while the Chinese did not recognize | reaching 16, one in four was dual nationality British nationals born outside marriage and had a right to British consular protection abroad.

Mr Hurd said on his return that the people of Hong Kong accepted reluctantly that Britain could not grant all of them passports.

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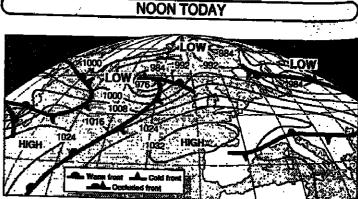
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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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(STOCK MARKET)

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Market report, page 28

Lookers up to £6.8m

Lookers, the Manchester car dealer, made profits of £6.83 million in the year to September, a rise of 8 per cent, on sales 14 per cent up at £309 million. Earnings per share were 2 per cent ahead at 25.5p. A final dividend of 4.2p, up 14

per cent, is proposed, leaving the total 0.85p up at 6.2p. Mr Ken Martindale, the chairman, said that the start to the current year was dis-appointing and interim profits would be reduced. The £14.7 million acquisition of SMAC, the southern dealer, last August had been pitched at 13 times earnings, so some dilution was inevitable.

Barbour builds

Barbour Index, the construction industry information publisher, increased pre-tax profits by a quarter to £2.73 million in the six months to end-October. Turnover rose 23 per cent to £6.27 million. The interim dividend is 2p, up 60 per cent. Tempus, page 24

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FTA All-Share . 11	55.53 (+10.69)
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ings, of South Africa. Impala will acquire a 25 per cent stake in Western Platinum. It will also get 27 per cent of future total earnings of the merged Western and Karee interests and of earnings

of Lonrho's Eastern Platinum. Rumours that Lonrho was to sell share price in recent months. But it was only in the past few days that General Mining emerged as frontrunner. Lonrho shares finished 6.5p down on the day at 314½p.

worth about £74 million if valued on an historical cost basis, Lonrho Analysts had been forecasting a value of about £300 million for an

outright sale of the subsidiary.

Management of the merged op-

shareholder, Lonrho, but Impala will have equal representation on the board.

Lonrho said that it was impossible to calculate the value of the merged operation because there has been no assessment of the absolute value of the mines.

The company said that the merger would help the development of the Karee mine, which is currently being commissioned and shares a common boundary Karee had extensive low-cost recoverable reserves.

Impala said that the merger would make it cheaper to mine and refine ore from Karee and Western Platinum. The two mines have a shared boundary and common infrastructure.

Operated alone, the Karee mine, which is in the Western Transvaal, was not expected to become cashpositive until late 1993. The combined operation should achieve

said. The deal should have a beneficial effect on Impala's funding of Karee and the group's carnings per share.

In 1988, Western Platinum produced 274,000 ounces of platinum. Platinum from South Africa accounts for 80 per cent of the

Western world's supplies.

Last year, demand for platinum fell as Japanese investors deserted the market.

In recent weeks, the platinum

buoyant gold price.

There is expected to be growing demand for the metal for use in catalytic converters to reduce car exhaust fumes. Regulations made by the European Commission last year are expected to prompt European car companies to increase their buying by 55,000 ounces to 300,000 ounces a year. Worldwide, the car industry needs about 1.45 million ounces a year, more than 40 per cent of total demand.

Fall in surplus raises fear of tax increases

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

ed larger with news of a sharp fall in Britain's budget surplus. The surplus for December was only £400 million about £2 billion less than the City was expecting.

For the first nine months of the fiscal year, the surplus totalled £3.7 billion, compared period of the previous year.

Economists rapidly reduced estimates of the surplus for the year as a whole and are now mostly forecasting an outturn below the Autumn Statement forecast of £12.5 billion.

The prospect of higher taxes in the Budget loomed larger with news of a billion, Shearson Lehman from £11 billion to £10 billion and Greenwell Montagu from £14 billion to £12 billion.

In the medium-term financial strategy set out in the last Budget red book, the Government pencilled in a surplus of £11 billion, including scope for tax cuts of £1 billion, for 1990-91. To the extent that the surplus looks likely to fall short of that, Mr John Major, with £8.7 billion in the same the Chancellor, may want to consider tax increases.

> The date of this year's Budget will be revealed during the autumn statement debate next Tuesday.

However, senior Treasury officials stressed yesterday Warburg reduced its fore-that they were sticking to their cast from £12 billion to £10 previous forecast. While ack-

Surprise as US deficit widens to \$10.5bn

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

The US trade deficit unexpect-edly widened to \$10.5 billion to \$30.2 billion, the lowest (£6.34 billion) in November, since last March. Imports fell

at the Boeing aircraft company see little sign of a dir which contributed to a sharp demand for imports.

October figure to \$9.6 billion, and Wall Street opened slightly lower on the news. Commerce Department of-

appointing \$10.25 billion billion from October's record and the worst performance of \$41.3 billion. The department now ex-The figure confounded an-alysts, who had predicted a deficit to reach \$111 billion. slight improvement on the That is down on 1988's \$118.5

billion, which was itself a 22 per cent reduction on 1987, but economists are pessimistic about further progress in cutficials blamed a 45-day strike ting the deficit in 1990. They see little sign of a diminishing

nowledging that a lower than expected surplus, if it were to occur, would affect budget decisions, one said: "We are just ahead of our peak tax collecting season; it would be most unwise to draw conclu-

sions from one set of figures." The Treasury said there were three reasons for the low surplus in December. The green dowry for the water companies reduced privatization proceeds by more than £1 billion to about £500 million.

Local authority borrowing was considerably higher than last year at about £800 miltion. Higher payments to the EC had reduced the surplus on central government's own account to £1 billion.

The gilts market took the news badly, losing about a point. The pound finished the day down 0.5 on the exchange index at 87.8. It closed in London down 0.57 cents against the dollar at \$1.6495 and down 2.21 pfennigs against the mark at DM2.7852.

Interest rates continued to firm in the money markets and the three month rate rose % percentage point to 15%s per cent.

The dollar didded about a pfennig on the US trade figures but recovered in later trading in London to close 0.15 pfennigs down at DM1.6885. Against the yen, it rose 0.25 yen to Y145.45.

• The Institute of Directors has called on Mr Major to include £6 billion of tax cuts in the Budget. It proposes that 1p should be cut off the basic rate of income tax and 2p off the



Aiming for a quality market: John McEwan awaits the well-heeled at the new Kensington Thomas Cook branch yesterday

Thomas Cook woos the bespoke traveller

By Derek Harris **Industrial Editor**

Thomas Cook, the retail travel agency chain and foreign exchange dealer which is a Midland Bank subsidiary, has opened in Kensington High Street, West London, the first enced "travel counsellors" to least a third compared with of its new agency outlets aimed at exploiting changes in holiday. the travel market.

street chain of 340, will cost four stores in one, a feature being a separate lounge area of armchairs and potted plants where by appointment the more sophisticated traveller can be attended by experi-

tanti tickets more a £18 million. The concept is in the past with bucket shops. Cook is intent on securing the biggest possible slice of the

growth sectors in an otherwise a badly-hit holidays market. Foreign package bookings for next summer are down by at create an individual bespoke the same time last year.

But long-haul destinations

Foreign Currency Loans

WARNING

If you have taken out or are considering taking

spoke holiday is increa ingly being sought, said Mr John McEwan, managing director of Thomas Cook Retail.

Mr McEwan says his division will turn in a big profit increase for 1989 when its competitors are expected to record losses. Cook already draws a quarter of its sales from flights only - reflecting The refurbishment of 250 at finding the best air ticket many more people growing another quarter from long-outlets, out of its total high deals including the below- out of package holidays, the haul destination holidays. are a thriving sector and, with bespoke holidays - and

By Melinda Wittstock

breakdown insurance broker have been suspended since on mismanagement but contains no evidence of wrong-

chief executive, who has blamed the as yet unreported losses on an unexpectedly high level of claims and operating costs, said yesterday that the Touche report cites mismanagement for the slide from £1.2 million 1988 profits into an interim loss estimated at close to £2 million. Interim results were due in October.

The report from Touche, whose insolvency team was called in by Allied Provincial,

A draft report by Touche Diamond's broker, to carry Ross, the accountant, into out an investigation independent of the Glasgow mechanical Co, the company's auditor, will be made public next week. whose newly-quoted shares In London yesterday, Mr Diamond said Lloyd's has con-October, blames its difficulties firmed it will pay all the

He put much of the losses down to an agreement signed Mr Derek Diamond, the in early July with Diamond's underwriters in which premium rates were increased by up to 50 per cent after an unexpected rise in the number

> Diamond, whose mechanical breakdown insurance business for second-hand cars accounts for 76 per cent of its profits, expects to complete the sale of two troubled Yorkshire businesses next week after two months of negotiations.

'Mismanagement' | LVMH up 45% on claim at Diamond eve of court verdict

M Bernard Arnault, the head of Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, has revealed a 45 per cent profits rise at the French luxury goods group two days before a court verdict which could decide the future of his control of the group.

Net profits at LVMH rose more than 45 per cent to Fr2.9 billion (£305 million) in 1989, beating the company's forecasts. Shares in Guinness, which holds 24 per cent, rose 20p to 664p, while City analysts increased profits forecasts for Guinness by £35 million to £670 million.

Group sales rose 20 per cent to Fr19.6 billion. The spirits division's turnover rose 24 per cent to Fr5.07 billion thanks to volume growth of 8 per cent. The slowest performer was the champagne division with a rise in volume of only I

per cent, and sales of Fr5.17 billion, up 6 per cent.

Ironically, the best performer is the Louis Vuitton luggage, where turnover rose by a third to Fr4.70 billion. For the past year M Arnault has been waging a bitter struggle with M Henry Racamier, the head of Louis Vuitton, over the control of the group.

This struggle comes to a head tomorrow when the Paris commercial court gives its verdict on an action to annul a block of warrants held by M Arnault and Guinness. If the shares are annulled, M

Arnault's grip on the group may be weakened enough for M Racamier to launch a challenge to his leadership, even though M Arnault still has the support of Guinness and the Moet and Hennessy families. Comment, page 25

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Agnew resurfaces in unfamiliar waters

Former ConsGold chief hired as adviser in Sea Containers bid

By Martin Waller

Mr Rudolph Agnew, chairman and chief executive of Consolidated Gold Fields before its takeover last year by Hanson, has re-emerged in an unexpected quarter, as consultant to the Temple consortium which this week finally agreed the purchase a large chunk of

Sea Containers. But Mr Agnew denied reports that he would be taking over the chairmanship of Sealink, the British ferries service which is to be sold to Stena, the Swedish shipping group, as part of the deal.

Rudolph Agnew: experience jointly owned by Stena and "I don't really know very Tiphook, the British container much about shipping," he group, since an approach from the Swedes. He concedes the

from Hanson nine months ing the agreed deal hammered after the initial hostile ap- out with Sea Containers this proach from Minorco. Last week, which should also see week Mr Agnew was voted on the container operation pass to the Hanson board as a non- to Tiphook. executive director. The Sea Containers battle asked me to do," said Mr

has already matched Cons-

Gold in duration, even without the benefit of a reference a British director on the Stena to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It has, however, been spun out by endless and expensive legal skirmishing in the US and Bermudan

Mr Agnew was one of the potential directors of Sea Con-

takeovers: ConsGold finally But there has been no firm job succumbed to an agreed offer offer from the Swedes follow-"I've done the task they

Agnew. Any further role, perhaps as

board to keep an eye on its vastly-expanded assets in this country, "is up for future discussion. I would look forward to it but I've no expectations right now. Stena themseives are rightly not counting any chickens.

Sea Containers' board is tainers to be proposed, as a hostile move, by Temple at a meeting today to discuss the forthcoming annual meeting. Temple offer.

are beginning to come to grief. First Leisure's sights are firmly fixed on high turnover, high margin businesses which means no £100 million theme parks. The strategy is working well. The group's discos, bowling clubs and resorts helped boost profits in the year to October by 25 per cent to £25.2 million. Turnover rose 13 per cent to £91.7 million and eps rose 33 per cent to 13.7p. The dividend is up 25 per cent at 3.7p.
First Leisure does have a

reputation for being innovative. It set in motion the revival of 10-pin bowling in Britain. The Super Bowl cen-tres are the main reason the sports division profits are up 58 per cent at £7.45 million.

The dancing division in-creased profits by 20 per cent to £10.3 million despite the hot summer. First Leisure has been buying retail sites from the likes of Magnet, MFI and Lowndes Queensway and converting them into discos and edge-of-town multi-facility leisure centres.

£12.5 million and the group is redeveloping Blackpool Pier and the area under Blackpool Tower. The theatre division saw profits drop 7 per cent to £1.2 million as two London theatres switched from South Pacific and Cats to Aspects of Love and Anything Goes.



Working for leisure: John Conlan (left) with Nick Irens, the finance director of First Leisure, on a site in Milton Keynes

where it believes its disco and nesses, and spent the last two bowling formulas would be successful. It is speaking to possible European partners successful independent comand is likely to favour a group with some property expertise. In Britain the group would like to add another leg to its leisure business. Bingo, provincial casinos and hotels are three possible areas and the group has not ruled out a big

At 235p, up 3p, the shares The resorts division increased profits by 10 per cent to of 14.4 but the company's record and policy of increasing pre-tax profits and eps by 20 per cent per annum make them a good long-term buy.

Barbour Index

Global corporations have recently woken up to the profits This year should see the and cash flow potential from attracted three. Microfiching group move into Europe, specialist information busi- may be derided as obsolete

years paying high prices for them. But there are still to have told Barbour's bottom

Barbour publishes an annual building materials ref-erence manual, which is paid for by advertisers. From its launch in 1977 it has grown to become an industry standard and has annual revenue of more than £3 million. The guide is the pillar of Barbour's profits, and the company is projecting 20 per cent growth to continue for the next five

panies out there: Barbour Index is one of them.

It also publishes 10 microfiche reference works, and is launching two or three more each year. The earliest now has 3,500 subscribers, while a more recent launch has only

technology but no-one seems possibility of a takeover, if the

The only black spot in the figures is Computerscan, an on-line computer information service for consultants which lost £104,000 in the half year, taken as an extraordinary item. Barbour is about to announce a joint venture with a marketing company to bring in much-needed subscribers.

The company's profits have risen consistently since the mid-eighties, and 1989 was no exception. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-October were up 25 per cent to £2.73 million, on sales up 23 per cent to £6.27 million. The half-time pay out is 2p, up 60 per cent.

The company's independence is ensured by the chairman's 43 per cent stake, but

buyer has something useful to offer, especially in the marketing field. Any bid though would have to be well above the current 190p share price. On brokers' forecasts of a £3.3 million profit this year, the p/e ratio is 15. Reasonable

given the company's record in a fashionable sector.

Lookers

Since the end of the "car wars" of the mid-1980s, motor dealers have been among the market's best performers. Lookers, the Vauxhall and Rover dealer based in Manchester, is no exception. In the five years ending in October, 1988, Lookers' earnings per share rose at an annual rate of over 30 per cent, while dividends were lifted by almost 25 per cent a year.
All good things, however,

The Ukraine has been sin-

gled out as a particular target

for British exporters, Kiev, the

regional capital, will stage a

British week in June, to be

opened by the Princess Royal.

have been seeking far-reaching

independence from Moscow,

are also seen as promising

Export efforts to the Soviet

Union are focused on food

machinery, health care prod-

ucts. scientific instruments,

hotels and tourism, but DTI

officials say that more imagi-

The Government is not,

native thinking is called for.

however, keen to encourage

small firms to enter the East-

big British exporters.

investors.

ern bloc alone, advising them

Hungary is seen as being a "glorious" country for West-

ern business, because it is

moving as fast as possible to a

market economy and because

it places a strong emphasis on

the vital legal framework for

The Baltic states, which

Investment 'is rising

By Derek Harris

While just over a third of companies are cutting back on investment because of high interest rates the remainder are injecting more cash. according to a new survey.

was particularly strong in product development and The survey, by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock's new

high interest rates on industry. The idea that manufacturers might be driven into a recession is described as "a

Of nearly 200 board level directors canvassed, 86 per instead to go in as suppliers to | cent believed rising interest rates were having a detrimental effect on investment

But fewer, 56 per cent, thought their own sector was suffering and in their own companies only 36 per cent reported any investment cut-

Czechoslovakia, whose trade officials have been in London this week, also promises to be a good place for British investment, especially

perceived as a hopeful longterm market in which there is a possiblity of fresh business based on a Romanian-made BAC111 aircraft. Yugoslavia, for all its political troubles and hyperinflation, remains very pecially Western-oriented before making moves.

veyed were looking to joint ventures and half of them had

Gas deliveries from Beryi as KPMG/PMM was preparare planned to begin in Octo- ing to launch its new consultancy centre, based at Birmingham, which will offer the field will deliver an av- help to manufacturers on new erage of 240 million cubic feet | techniques and systems from "This transaction marks an about 5 per cent of British Gas manufacturing resources

The directors of Walter Alexander, the family-controlled Scottish mini conglomerate, have recommended a £32 million bid from a private company backed by Granville, the interest rates squeeze has put paid to Lookers' record. In the year to September, 1989, Lookers' own net interest charge rose 57 per cent to £4.74 million, and a 24 per cent rise in operating profits translated into a mere 8 per cent increase to £6.83 million

at the pre-tax level. The company also decided to slow down the expansion of its contract hire fleet, which added 21/2 points to its tax charge, leaving earnings per share only 2 per cent up at

There was an additional problem caused by the uncertainty which followed Ford's acquisition of New Holland, which clipped £500,000 off the profits of its agricultural side. Lookers is hoping to solve this by buying Harris, a Ford tractor dealer, for £1.18

Lookers is giving warning that profits in the first half of the current year will be reduced and there will be an even bigger setback to earnings because of the dilution caused by the purchase in August of SMAC, the southern car dealer, for £14.7 million in cash and preference

Analysts now expect profits of £7½ million for the full year and a fall of one-fifth in fully diluted earnings to 20p, leaving the shares, down 14p at 133p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 7. Although that may reflect the gloomy trading outlook, speculative interest in the sector has already manifested itself in the Saudi bid for Hartwells and the combined 40 per cent stake in Lookers held by Woodchester Investments and T Cowie form the platform for a bid.

despite loan rate'

Industrial Editor

It found that investment

information technology. centre for manufacturing consultancy, rejects gloomier predictions of the effects of

myth based on a misconception.

in manufacturing generally.

Of those increasing investment spending, 68 per cent were putting the money into products or services, while 54 per cent were upgrading expenditure on product dev-Bulgaria are regarded as problematical, but Romania is perceived as a honeful to

Only 29 per cent were preparing to spend more on market research and analysis. The survey believes this strikes a note of caution because with the single European market approaching it considers it vital to research both the competiton and new markets Nearly half of those sur-

a European partner in mind. Only 28 per cent thought current inward investment into Britain, much of it Japanese, threatened to bring in too much competition. It was mainly seen as a welcome job creator that was improving the demand for manufactured

The survey was carried out

Capital tunes Pilkington in £60m order

Pilkington Optronics has won a £60 million Ministry of Defence contract to make and supply integrated electro-optic periscope sys-tems for the new Vanguard class of Trident subm The system will be made at the Barr and Strond site in Glasgow. Mr Trefor Jenes, Pilkington chairman, srik: "The contract is important for its size and because it

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BAA traffic grows 6% The number of passengers using BAA's seven airports resets

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Directors recommend

Walter Alexander bid

merchant bank, and institutions in Scotland and the City

The new company, Spothamch, has irrevocable accep-tances from shareholders speaking for 50.9 per cent of Walter

Alexander's equity Spotlaunch, whose cash offer is werth 113p per share, will be chaired by Mr Robin Hodgsen.

113p per share, will be chared by MI Koun 110dgard. Granville's managing director. A 0.5p special dividend will be paid to shareholders once the bid is unconditional. Last week,

the company announced plans to sell its loss-making Simulardown quilts business. Spotlaunch is likely to sell the

Summercown quarts seasuress and distribution businesses. The

remaining coach building and filtration divisions, will be demerged and groomed for public quotes.

Greenwich £2m in red

Greenwich Resources, the treahled gold mining company tumbled to a pre-tax loss of £2.1 million in the year

September, compared with a £1.1 million profit previously, But first-half losses before amortization of £900,000 felt to £260,000 in the second, lifted by better results from its Australian mine at Paddington. Greenwich's problems stem

from its mine in the Sudan at Gebeit, where the gold velo was

Hartebeestfontein, the South African gold mining com-pany, reported first-half profits, before tax and state share of profits, of R212 million (£50 million). The interim dividend of 65 cents per share (80 cents) declared in November will be paid this Friday.

"lost" in 1988. There is again no dividend.

Dalepak leap

to £704,000

Dalepak Foods absorbed an

jump in pigment raw mater-ial prices and advanced pre-

tax profits by nearly 40 per-cent to £704,000 in the half-

year to October. Turneres

rose £5.3 million to £16.7

million. The interim divi-

dead rose to 1.035p (0.9p)

on eps of 4.09p (2.98p). BZW, the broker, expects

full-year profits of £1.8 million against £1.4 million.

Demand dip

hits Electron

Electron House, hit by in-terest costs and a slump in

demand for components in its half-year to November,

bas seen a £365,000 drop in pre-tax profits to £1.6 mil-

lion. Components profits fell 23 per cent on an 11 per cent

dip in turnover to £22.3

million. Confidence about

prospects has led to an

interim dividend up 10 per

cent at 2.75p. Earnings per share fell to 5.08p from 7.7p.

into growth

Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman of Capital Radio,

the commercial radio group,

told the annual meeting that

1989 had seen a substantial

growth in advertising rev-

enues and expansion in

activities. There will be a

capital gain of £1.26 million

in the current year after the disposal of 4.3 per cent of Builder Group. Ewart Tele-vision Studios, acquired for

£7.3 million last June, was

trading satisfactorily.

4.9 million in December, up 6 per cent on last year. Over the 12 months, 70.39 million passed through, an increase of 5.1 per cent. There was more traffic at all airports in Decembez, with Heathrow up 7.1 per cent, taking its calendar 1989 total to 39.6 million passengers.

The slump in short-hard charters continued, but Decem-

ber's fall of 17 per cent was less than in previous months. North Atlantic traffic grew 4 per cent and other long-haul traffic 7 per cent. The number of flights jumped 4.9 per cent to 56,900, making 753,400 for the year, up 6.9 per cent.

MIM leaps 75% to surprise £57m

From David Tweed, Skinev MIM Holdings, the Australian shareholder Metallgesellschaft

metals group, exceeded mar- of West Germany. The comket expectations and boosted pany, which already holds profits 75 per cent to about 4 per cent of MIM, is Aus\$119.9 million (£57.5 milexpected to convert options lion) for the 24 weeks to on another 4.5 per cent into December 17 against shares at Aus\$2.25 each at the end of this month and has a clude a one-off profit of further 1.25 per cent of stock Aus\$67.6 million from the in April expiry options which sale of Papua New Guinea convert at Aus\$2 a share. gold assets into recentlyfloated Highlands Gold.

First-half profit was aided by lower interest costs follow-Analysts said the after-tax ing reduction in debt after the profit was at the higher end of sale of the 25 per cent stake in market expectations and it the loss-making Collinsville and Newlands coal operation paved the way for a full year result of about Aus\$2 million. in Queensland. MIM lifted its unfranked in-Net borrowings were re-

terim dividend by one cent to duced to Aus\$888 million four cents a share. The market from Aus\$1.09 billion and the was largely underpinned by net interest expense bill fell the heavy options position substantially to Aus\$20.1 mil-held by the MIM minority lion from Aus\$43.4 million.

Warning over rates as Burndene nears £4m Burndene Investments, the of allowances on the disposa

caravan and hosiery manufac- of properties following Willin the year to September on sales 19 per cent ahead at million. But Mr David Caldow, the

chairman, gave a warning about the effect high interest rates could have on its main Willerby Caravan subsidiary

turer, has lifted pre-tax profits erby's move to new premises by 11 per cent to £3.97 million which also gave rise to an extraordinary gain of £3.2

one-tenth to 5.5p, leaving the total ip ahead at 8p. Profits from caravan manufacturing and its two small mobile home parks rose by 27 per cent to £3.08 million before tax last year on sales 17 per cent per cent to 24.8p last year higher at £27.9 million. Those due to a 47 per cent rise in its from hosiery rose a third to tax charge. This in turn was £571,000 on turnover up 2 connected with the clawback quarter at £7.47 million.

Energy industry 'must continue breeder fundi

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The electricity industry must agree to continue funding the European fast breeder programme - the research to provide the next generation of nuclear power stations - after it is privatized, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has told the influential Commons

energy select committee. The Government has already announced it is cutting its funding for research into nuclear power and the Central Electricity Generating Board has had to end its contribution into the

research because it is being privatized. The Atomic Energy Authority has told the committee that £25 million will be needed over the next three years to continue Britain's involvement in the European research programme and that it is essential the privatized electricity industry should find a way of keeping Britain involved.

In evidence submitted to the committee, the AEA said: "The cuts in funding announced by the Government in July 1988, coupled with the withdrawal of funding by the CEGB as a result of privatization, is having an adverse impact on our programme and will place the UK in a weak position relative to its partners. It is important that the UK should retain a in the UK. In turn, it added that since full part in the research and development programme that is essential to underpin the European fast reactor.

"As we have stressed, the fast reactors are of vital strategic and eventually commercial importance to the UK. It is, therefore, important that urgent attention is given to obtaining a solution to the issue and this requires the involvement of government and of the newly-privatized energy supply industry."

The AEA said that the strategic need for diversity, and ultimately for the replacement of fossil fuels, has been the driving force for the development of nuclear power

uranium reserves are finite, the efficient exploitation of nuclear power itself ultimately depended on the fast reactor.

But the AEA added: "Recently, however, it has been given added emphasis and urgency by the growing appreciation that the damage being done to the environment by the use of fossil fuels may require drastic restrictions on their use. We, therefore, believe that greater reliance on the fast reactor is a necessary consequence of such restrictions and that the timescale for the large-scale introduction of fast reactors may need to be brought forward

"The AEA's view has consistently been

that the UK must retain access to the technology through direct participation in its development.

Only in this way can we be confident that the UK will be able to deploy fast reactors when we need them without being entirely dependent on other countries to supply the technology."

The AEA told the select committee that to adopt the alternative course of relying on being able to licence the technology when required, or to abandon any prospect of using the technology at all, would run the risk of not having a secure source of electricity in the future in Britain at an economic price.

Shandwick expands in West Germany Shandwick, the world's largest public relations consultant, has acquired a leading Ham-

burg PR group in a deal designed to give it a stepping stone into the emerging East German market. The company is buying

Lutz Bohme Beratungsgeseilschaft, whose clients include Unilever and BP, for a performance-related consideration of up to DM8 million (£2.96 million). It has already paid £800,000 in cash.

Lutz Bohme reported a £106,000 loss in 1988, but is soon expected to reveal pretax profits of DM105,000 for 1989. Net assets are £60,000.

PRP growth

Interest in profit-related pay schemes (PRPs) appears to be picking up. In the final quarter of last year, a record 90,000 additional employees were covered by schemes registered with the Inland Revenue. The Earl of Caithness, the Paymaster General, said: "There are over 1,100 live schemes registered for tax relief and more than 225,000 employee have part of their pay linked to profits in a formal scheme."

Borland leaps

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Borland International, the USM-quoted computer software group, saw pre-tax profits jump to \$4.3 million (£2.6 million), from \$1.19 million, in the three months to end-December. Net revenues rose 28 per cent to a record \$30.2 million in the period. Earnings per share rise from 10.4 cents to 27.9 cents. There is no dividend (nil).

Guardian up

Guardian and Manchester Evening News, the unquoted holding company whose publications include the Guardian, lifted pre-tax profits 25.4 per cent to £17.3 million, on turnover up 13 per cent to £91.5 million in the six months to end-September. There was an exceptional item of £2.63 million in severance

Primadona lift Primadona, the investment

trust, reports a 26.3 per cent rise in net asset value to 216.7p. Pre-tax profits nearly trebled to £205,000 (£69,000) in the six months to end-December, while earnings per share jumped to 3.73p (1.53p). The interim dividend lifts to

Kim Eng issue Kim Eng Holdings, Singa-

porc's first new listing of the year, was oversubscribed a record 783 times. More than 244,000 investors applied for 35.28 billion shares. Kim Eng had offered 50 million 0.25 Singapore-dollar (8p) shares to the public at 0.65 Singapore dollars each.

Shield slips

The Shield Group made pretax profits of just £95,000 (£840,000) in the six months to September. Turnover siumped from £13.4 million to £4.8 million. There is no interim

Rise in Anglo-Soviet trade spurs call to foster Eastern bloc links By Colin Narbrough Economics Correspondent Courtaulds, ICI and Rank Xerox, which have long sold to the Russians, to generate most of the added business.

Anglo-Soviet trade picked up strongly late last year despite increasing reports that President Gorbachov's perestroika programme of reform is failing to deliver the promised improvements for the troubled Soviet economy. A surprise £100 million

surge in exports to the Soviet Union in November pushed the total for the first 11 months close to £600 million, up £86 million from the same period in 1988. Imports from the Soviet Union were £50 million higher at £782 million.

Encouraged by the pick-up in Soviet trade and the pol-Eastern Europe, the Government yesterday signalled that it wants British businesses to move swiftly to take advantage of export opportunities emerging in the region and not let West Germany, Italy and France get too far ahead.

Mrs Thatcher made a major political investment in backing trade with the Soviet Union to give support to Mr Gorbachov, but results had, until recently, been disappointing. A recent visit to Eastern

Europe by Mr John Redwood,

the Corporate Affairs Min-

ister, gave him a highly favourable impression of the prospects for British business in the region. Yesterday, in an attempt to inject fresh vigour into Eastern bloc trade, senior officials of the Department of Trade

for exporting more. They sought to play down fears that fighting in the Soviet Caucasus would threaten business, pointing out that eco-

and Industry painted an en-

couraging picture of the scope

The first contract for the sale

of gas from the North Sea

under new rules drawn up by

the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission has been signed

between British Gas and

100 per cent of the output of customers in direct com-

any natural field offered to it petition with British Gas.



tinue normally elsewhere.

Total British exports to the Eastern bloc in the first 11 months of last year were £1.2 billion, and imports were £1.6 billion. There were deficits with all countries in the region, apart from a modest £10.7 million surplus with

Hungary.

it can now only take up to a maximum of 90 per cent of the

The contract to take this

the Beryl field - in the

northern North Sea 180 miles

from the Scottish coast -

percentage of the output from per cent.

seeing grant aid and increased to help the Eastern bloc. It is concerned that a hostile

region, the Government is firmly opposed to fresh loans.

attitude to business is still putting off new entrants to the Soviet market, leaving the

Given the serious hard cur- companies, such

John Redwood: impressed by Eastern European openings nomic activity would con- rency indebtedness of the

inward investment as the way

attractive commercially, essame handful of top British Croatia and Slovenia. Mobil signs gas supply contract

is the operator. Enterprise Oil Mobil North Sea's activities. owns 20 per cent, Amerada It is part of our long-term objective to become one of Hess 20 per cent and North Sea Oil has the remaining 10 Britain's major suppliers of natural gas - both to British Gas directly and to other important customers as well." A spokesman for British Gas said: "It was important for us to secure a deal which which has estimated reserves will allow BG to compete

of 1.200 billion cubic feet of effectively in this new era of Previously, British Gas in- gas, means that the remaining competition to the benefit of sisted on contracting to take 10 per cent will be sold to our customers." Mr Robert White, the chairman of Mobil North Sea, said: of gas a day to British Gas, computer aided engineering to by the North Sea operators, Mobil, has a 50 per cent "This transaction marks an about 5 p but the MMC has ordered that interest in the Beryl field and important new direction in supplies.

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of a £73.5 million management buy-in two years ago, is being acquired for £145 million by Nippon Seiko KK, the second-largest bearing maker in the world.

The deal means 40 UPI managers, led by Mr Alan Bowkett, chief executive and leader of the buy-in from the former RHP group, share £22 million. They have held 15 per cent of the equity, the rest being with City institutions.

UPI, based in Newark, Nottinghamshire, claims 15 per cent of the world market in specialist bearings and is world leader in aerospace applications.

UPI, the specialist bearings September, UPI had sales of research and development that was adopting a long-term profit of £19.7 million. It

Managers share £22m

as Japanese buy UPI

Trilion switches to £1.1m profit

employs 3,800 people. UPs's management team stays in place - most are on three-year contracts - and UPI will continue to run as a separate entity, even though NSK has a factory at Peterice, County Durham, which employs 700. But there is no product overlap because NSK is in big volume bearings for main manufacturing base." items such as washing ma-

account for only 5 per cent of the end of 1990, and although the continental European it would no doubt have been bearings market and NSK reasonably successful, we wants to increase this. It is would have faced the problem

maker which was the subject £128.9 million and a pre-tax facility based in Britain. growth strategy. If, at some World leader SKF has 30 per cent of the European market.

Mr Sadao Hirano, senior managing director of NSK, said: "We are very happy with this company and the way it is run. We have complementary strengths and we believe that together we can create a new force in the European bearing industry with the UK as the

Mr Bowkett said: "One option would have been to go Together, NSK and UPI for a public flotation towards

point, short-term earnings had not been up to the mark, we could have been vulnerable to a hostile takeover bid from somebody we might not have been happy about. This way we are dealing with people with a similar outlook and we get access to the best

UPI has been working with NSK closely since the buy-in and expects the deal to improve its chances of supplying the British factories of Japanese car makers with its specialist automotive bearings.

Mr Bowkett also sees the chance of import substitution, plauning fresh investment, es- of being a medium-sized com- as 68 per cent of bearings sok

In the year ended last pecially in UPI, and in a pany in the emgineering sector in Britain are now imported. as 68 per cent of bearings sold

News Corp promotes senior executives

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, the international media group which owns The Times through News International in Britain, has promoted four senior executives to newly-created responsibilities reporting directly to him in a strengthened central group management team.

Mr William O'Neill, formerly managing director of News International, becomes executive vice-president for human resources; Mr John Evans, formerly president of Murdoch Magazines, becomes executive vice-president for development; Mr Lawrence Kessler, formerly a vice-president and general counsel of News America, takes the same responsibilities for the worldwide group; and Mr Jeffrey Leist, formerly a vice-presi-dent and treasurer, becomes executive vice-president for administration.

The four have a combined 63 years' service with the group. In addition, Mr David DeVoe has been appointed deputy to Mr Richard Sarazen, the group's chief

financial officer.

Mr Murdoch said: "These changes are necessary to create greater depth in our executive group to deal with our intens-ified programme of international expansion and to cope with the rapid development of new and complex forms of media.

"All these appointments are made internally. They are executives who have grown with News Corporation.7

Hambros link with Dutch in M&A deal

By Neil Bennett

Hambros, the merchant bank, has signed a deal with Amsterdamse Investeringsbank, a Dutch investment bank, to cooperate on merger and acquisitions work.

This is the latest addition to Hambros' European network of partners.It is also negotiating with a bank in Austria. Sir Michael Butler, Ham-

bros director in charge of European expansion, revealed almost 5 per cent of the bank's shares are held by Mitsui Bank, the Japanese bank. The European network en-

abled Hambros to participate in four deals worth up to £200 million last year. Hambros and AIB hope to reveal their first deal, worth 20 million guilders (£6.25 million).

key for independents he demise of the name Citicorp Stephen Lewis, formerly of Phillips & Scrimgeour Vickers is another re-Drew, pioneered the trend to independence and has been followed by Tim Congdon, formerly of Messels. But the minder of the decline of share research in the City - as perceived at least more redundancies there are among wellby a number of institutions. A decade ago, regarded equity analysts, and there have been several recently, the more one-man independents there will be. they rated Scrimgeour as the top research

The main institutional complaint is that The soft commission brokers are likely objectivity may have been a casualty of to be a key to success in selling their the securities groups' struggle to grab limited business or may serve the books of services. The Securities & Investments Board is mulling over about 50 submarketmakers and brokers who take their missions on its consultative paper on soft own positions. That danger may have commmission arrangements, which upbeen exaggerated. In anecdotal terms, the held the practice but suggested strict limits and full disclosure. Final rules may not be findings of the report into County NatWest's handling of Blue Arrow are matched by a bank share analyst who issued for two months.

The main arguments are over whether it is fair to restrict soft commissions to 25 per cent of a fund manager's business and exactly what should be defined as soft commission - since full service brokers often have similar but slightly less explicit arrangements with institutions. There are undoubtedly dangers and temptations, since a prime appeal of soft commissions is that fund managers can charge the cost of many services direct to their funds. rather than having to pay them out of management fees.

But the "unbundling" of services is surely going to expand. BZW, for instance, has prepared for this by setting up its own separate soft commission broking company. More houses are likely to do the same. For better or worse, the growth of independent research and soft commgilt-edged and bond markets, where issions seem inextricably intertwined,

Velvet touch for Guinness

guerrilla warfare going on in Paris over the future of LVMH, there was not the slightest sign of it yesterday. Guinness has sunk more than £1 billion into the French luxury goods group in exchange for its 24 per cent stake, and stands to suffer if a court ruling goes against it in Paris tomorrow. But yesterday market-makers had eyes only for the brilliant performance of LVMH during 1989.

house, while Vickers da Costa was highly

recommended a sale of his parent compa-

ny's shares. But confidence has been

This can only help the new soft

commission brokers, such as Hoenig &

Co. who sell fund managers bought-in

services, which can include research, for

fixed guaranteed commissions. Thus far,

however, there has been a dearth of

independent researchers of stature -

despite the flowering of one or two in the

early seventies. In the equities field,

Jeremy Utton's Metropolitan General

Investment, which sells its specialized

smaller companies research to several top

investment groups, is the most prominent.

Metropolitan is now trying to sell directly

to private clients via a monthly magazine.

There is much more on offer in

economic forecasting, usually aimed at

regarded in its Japanese speciality.

LVMH indicated a provisional 45 per cent rise in profits to about £305 million even though the final figures will not be available for some time.

Guinness shares responded with a 20p rise to 664p, even though the advance at LVMH was no more than the better broking firms were expecting. LVMH has not affected its trading performance one jot.

Perhaps surprisingly, the star performance emerged from Louis Vuitton, the up-market leather goods manufacturer. Turnover climbed 33 per cent. The

If the market is concerned about the grew almost 20 per cent and was evenly spread between Christian Dior, Givency and Roc. Cognacs and spirits produced a 24 per

cent sales gain from no more than an 8 per cent rise in volumes, suggesting that LVMH has successfully marketed its top of the range product at premium prices. Champagne sales, where vol-umes were static, provided the only dull

When they arrive in audited form, these figures will mean a £105 million contribution to Guinness's trading profit of about £750 million in 1989. LVMH should produce close to £140 million in the current year.

In fact, the gains are greater than they appear. For the group's distributors are finding tremendous benefits to sales of At the heart of this positive response is relief that the battle going on inside ures with the French. Few sales teams can offer a package of brands like Hennessy, Dom Perignon, Moet & Chandon, Gordons, Tanqueray, Johnnie Walker and Dewars. Guinness earnings could grow by 20 per cent for the next three years and its shares, tradgroup's portfolio of perfume brands, ing at barely a premium to the market surely the envy of all its competitors, on 1990 profits, are well worth buying.



Euromoney to be traded in London

Trading in the shares of 1986. Euromoney Publications, the financial magazine publisher, is to move from Luxembourg to London on Monday following a £3.5 million placing which enables the company to meet the Stock Exchange's listing requirements.

The shares came equally

New slot

hot shot

Undeterred by recent job losses in the Square Mile, UBS Securities, the Wall Street equivalent of UBS Phillips &

Drew, has just beefed up its

coverage of UK and European equities within the United

States by poaching one of the

top teams in the business from

rival investment bank Morgan

Stanley. American broker

Kevin Plunkett, described as a

"Wall Street hot shot," has

just resigned as the managing

director responsible for world-

wide equity trading at Morgan Stanley to join UBS, where he will be given the similar title

of managing director. "He will be responsible for all inter-

national equities trading

which effectively means all

non-dollar stocks," says Geof-

frey Redman-Brown, of UBS

Phillips & Drew. And

Plunkett is bringing with him

his two-man team, comprising

Michael Stenerer and Gerry

Keneally, both of whom will

join the international sales desk in New York. The addition of this respected

team should cement our pos-

ition as the best European

equities firm in the United

States by, in particular, raising our profile in the American

Depository Receipts market,"

says Hector Sants, head of

UBS P&D and the man

responsible for European eq-

uities worldwide. Sants him-

self once ran the New York

international equities business

until he returned to London

two years ago to assume his

Present job from Dr Paul Neild

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Euromoney has built up a databases, but its main Euromoney to the official list even though only 21.5 per cent will be on the market.

The placing has agreed to admit Euromoney to the official list even though only 21.5 per cent will be on the market.

The placing has cut Daily mail and General Trust's experience. monthly title with a circula-

tion of 28,000. When the company was floated in 1986, Associated Newspapers had been unwill-

25 per cent of the equity be in

of the Daily Mail, and is stake to 76.1 per cent, but the exceptionally profitable for a holding of Sir Patrick's family has been halved to 486,000 shares, or 2.4 per cent of the total. The placing price compares with 368p indicated in

Luxembourg beforehand.

range of activities, including free hands. Now, however, the them by becoming a euro conferences and electronic Exchange has agreed to admit equity. However, certain UK pension funds had not been able to become shareholders while it was not listed in London.

> Although Euromoney had built up £18 million cash by last September, the proprietors of some businesses it was interested in acquiring wanted shares for personal tax reasons. Sir Patrick said that four possible acquisitions were Sir Patrick said that as the being studied.

By Jeremy Andrews the company was floated in sufficiently to meet the Stock company served the inter-Exchange's requirement that national capital markets, it

per share distribution.

the group's future.

chairman, was confident about

He said: "We have spent the

last two years restructuring

the company to produce a winning formula for the sine-

The £25 million received

from Olympia & York, the Docklands' developer, has wiped out borrowings which

last year stood at £16 million.

spent to buy the former Lee International film studies in

Wembley, which it has now converted to use for television.

The remaining cash is earmarked for acquisitions.

A further £5 million was

from the family holdings of Sir Patrick Sergeant, Euromoney's chairman, and the Daily Mail and General Trust, but the placing price of 350p was Newspapers had been unwill-below the 460p obtained when ing to allow its holding to fall

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Writing off the wall

a huge sign, measuring three feet by at least 10 feet, used to hang down over the dealing floor at Citicorp Scringeour

In accordance with American which was designed to encorporate attitudes towards the power of positive thinking, letters it read, "CSV: The best, most exciting and most successful institutional equity firm." It was removed from the Vickers in its luxurious dealing room about 10 days Thames-side offices in Southago by a group of junior wark. It was based on the firm's so-called "mission," employees - who apparently no longer believed it.

Rocket man

Mark Tapley, the newly appointed managing director of asset management group London and Bishopsgate, is affectionately known as the "rocket scientist." Tapley, aged 43, was previously a director of equities within Shearson Lehman's global asset management division. But further back after graduating from

Oxford, he signed up for ICL's graduate trainee scheme to learn computer programming, systems engineering and salesmanship. It was during this time that he earned his nickname - when he was seconded to a Russian nuclear physics research laboratory where he spent nine weeks helping to send atoms round a circuit several kilometres



Barclaywhere

Barclays Bank has been seeking publicity in the Northern Ireland media for its new "nationwide" over-the-counter share dealing scheme, urging investors to pop into their local branch to sell British Gas shares at low commission. Barclayshare chairman Gavin Oldham waxes on about the convenience of dealing at a local branch. Perhaps he should be told that Barclays does not have one branch in Northern Ireland and the service can thus hardly be described as nationwide.

Big-ticket team swaps An entire three-man project

finance team at Schroders, the merchant bank, has just joined Babcock & Brown, an international leasing com-pany, and a subsidiary of USM-quoted York Trust. The most senior is Nicolas Lethbridge, who was project finance director, and his two colleagues are Norman Crowe and Peter Pollak. Babcock's activities in project finance in both the US and Japan are well established, and the ar-rival of Lethbridge and his team means they can now expand into Britain. "Their expertise in project financing will complement our existing big-ticket lease financing operations," says Peter Vardigans, Babcock & Brown's chief executive. At Schroders, this they worked on projects like the Channel Tunnel, the Dartford Crossing and the Second Severn Crossing. It is certainly going to be all

change for the directors of hotel group Norfolk Capital in their bid to fight off the unwanted attentions of Peter Tyric and his Balmoral group. Norfolk had booked space for 150 at the New Connaught Rooms for its egm on January 29, but it has now decided that considerably more of its 21,000 shareholders will attend than originally anticipated and thus, although the meeting will be officially convened at the NCR, it will then be adjourned to the more spacious London Press Centre - a good 10-miante walk away. Bring an ambrella...and

Carol Leonard

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US joins in move against **Bond**

From David Tweed, Sydney

The United States creditors of Bond Brewing Holdings have made their long-awaited legal move and applied to be made party to the Bond Brewing receivership hearing in the Victorian Supreme Court.

Affidavits filed on behalf of Cede & Co, representing 77 per cent of the US subordinated debenture holders owned Aus\$691 million (£329.5 million) by Bond Brewing, said the debenture holders opposed the sale of Bond's Australian brewing assets to Bell Resources.

The affidavits said the debenture holders supported the appointment of receivers and managers to Bond Brewing.

Bond announced the plan to sell its Australian brewing assets to Bell Resources on December 29 for Aus\$2 billion, two hours before a banking syndicate led by the National Australia Bank, successfully applied for the appointment of a receiver nanager to Bond Brewing.

Bond Brewing is attempting to have the appointment by the syndicate, which is owed Aus\$880 million, overturned. The US Trustee Co of Nev York, trustees for debenture

holders owed Aus\$691 million including interest, began wind-up proceedings against Bond Brewing on Monday.

It issued a notice requiring repayment of Bond Brewing' total indebtedness within 21 days, after which a liquidator can be appointed

In other developments, the court heard Bond Brewing had paid Aus\$11.43 million to other companies in the brew ing group and nearly Aus\$5 million to its parent, Bond Corp. between mid-Novem ber and late December.

Holiday empire's 33% rise in profits beats analysts' forecasts

Club Med shines with £42m

M Gilbert Trigano announced seven East European capitals, terest is increasing his Japaa higher-than-expected profit the first of his new political increase for his Club Mediterholiday tours. ranée holiday empire — up 33 The only bleak spot in his

per cent to Fr408 million (£42 review yesterday was the lack million). Analysts had forecast of snow in about 10 Alpine rea 25 per cent rise. sorts. However, winter book-Of this, Club Med Inc, quoted in New York - which distant tropical villages are runs the Club Med villages in running 7 per cent higher. the Americas and Asia - rose

Club Med seems to have from \$8.7 million in 1987-88 overcome the stagnation that to \$21 million (£12.6 million). marked its results since the Club Med has repaired mid-1980s. It now leases or Caribbean villages damaged by Hurricane Gilbert and put manages 113 villages in 33 countries and provides semibehind it construction probnars for businessmen as well as holidays. lems in Mexico and Nassau.

M Trigano, aged 70, said he still had plenty of energy and enthusiasm for the Club after More villages have 18-hole golf courses and the latest acquisition is a seaside golf hotel 40 years and added that his in Waterville, Co Kerry. son Serge, aged 43, was his Sales in the last financial year grew 18.9 per cent to £790 The past few days have seen

million, while occupancy rates rose to 71 per cent. est "toy", a 9,000-ton liner-cum-yacht, Club Med I, which will be a floating village in the Caribbean and the Mediter-M Trigano was negotiating with East European countries before the 1989 revolutions. He will be opening holidaycultural centres in the Soviet Union, has just taken over a

He sets off soon with a Union, has just take charter plane full of his Bulgarian ski hotel a re-open in Romania. his holidaymakers) to visit Elsewhere, his big Elsewhere, his biggest in-

nese clientele - they and other Asians account for 10 per cent of the Club Med's 1.16 million annual holidaymakers.

M Trigano last year said he was protected from takeovers ings in other ski resorts and at by the fact that he and the young staff were the Club

> He has given more thought to protection since Accor, the rival French group of hotels, bought 2 per cent.

> The French holiday king has persuaded Nippon Life and Scibu Saison to join him. The Japanese have more than 8 per cent Friendly French banks and

> institutions have holdings in the 5 per cent to 9 per cent range, while smaller blocks are held by the Agnelli family and Baron Edmond de Rothschild, an enthusiastic supporter of the Chub and holidaymaker Some 40 per cent of the

votes are favourable to the Triganos. M Trigano, however, said be would like "one Bulgarian ski botel and may or two big American partners to raise the friendly votes to 60



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Still enthusiastic after 40 years: Gilbert Trigano of Club Med

Cathay and Swire pay £26m for 35% stake in Dragonair

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

Dragonair, Hong Kong's second airline, in a HK\$343 million (£26.5 million) deal.

The move makes Swire Group the second largest owner of the fledgling airline - after Peking-backed China International Trust and Investment Corp (Citic), which revealed an increase in its Dragonair holding to 38 per

Cathay, Hong Kong's flag-ship carrier, is paying HK\$294 million for a 30 per cent stake while Swire has agreed to pay

HK\$49 million for 5 per cent. The deal means a complete shake-up of the loss-making airline, which saw the depar-ture of Sir Y K Pao, its main shareholder, last November. Mr KP Chao, chairman of

Dragonair, said the new shareholding structure came about through the sale of some of his own shares and the issue of new shares, which raised the company's share capital to HK\$800 million. His son, Mr Ronald Chao, will retain 22 na routes.

Cathay Pacific Airways and per cent of the airline. Mr Swire Pacific, its British par- David Gledhill, chairman of ent, are taking a 35 per cent in Cathay Pacific, said he expected the two airlines to benefit from "exciting opportunities" and "grow in har-

mony in the region." He added: "The integration of regional services will further enhance the position of Hong Kong as the major aviation hub of the Far East."

Mr Larry Yung, managing director of Citic - which owns 12.5 per cent of Cathay - described the deal as a confidence-booster. "Citic's involvement in both carriers clearly demonstrates Citic's confidence in the continued development of civil aviation in Hong Kong in the run-up to 1997 and beyond."

Under the new agreement, Cathay will nominate key executives in Dragonair and provide technical and administrative services for the

Dragonair, which will remain independent and retain its name, will concentrate on developing regional and Chi-

Kyowa set for £242 a share

By Neil Bennett

assets of Y15,500 billion (£69.3 billion). The shares are expected to open at £242.

M Trigano launching his lat-

Kyowa is Japan's eighth city bank to take a listing on the London International Stock Exchange, and will follow it with listings in Zurich and Geneva next week. The whole operation is estimated to have cost more than £1 million and has been done to help with future fund raising.

Mr Junichi Ishikawa, one of

bank hoped to increase its shareholder base and promote its image with the quote.

Realistically, Kyowa cannot European institutions to buy shares at the start of trading. Most interested investors have bought Kyowa shares through Tokyo, and 2 per cent of the bank's capital is in European hands.

Kyowa, however, has issued

Dealings start in London to-day in Kyowa Bank, which has directors, was in London to does not rule out further oversee the listing. He said the issues. The Swiss and London quotes will be used to trade the stock after conversion.

> Kyowa specializes in retail and smaller company lending, expect more than a handful of and wants to fund more Japanese companies to expand into Europe.

The bank opened a London branch in 1972, and has built a corporate loan book of \$2.5 billion (£1.5 billion). Clients include British Land and International Leisure Group.

Now ...

AMP assets at £26bn after Pearl takeover

The AMP Society, Australia's gest insurer, revealed its total assets have jumped to more than Aus\$55 billion (£26.2 billion) after its Aus\$2.3 billion takeover of Pearl Group.

Mr Kerry Roberts, the chief geoeral manager of AMP Australia, said total life insurance funds exceeded Aus\$50bu and were held by more than 4 million policy holders. He said Pearl's acquisition had boosted AMP's assets by Aus\$15 billion .

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Cook buys Triplex offshoot

William Cook, the Sheffield steel castings group and the 1989 Business Enterprise Award company of the year, is expanding further with the acquisition of Lloyds (Burton), a subsidiary of Triplex Lloyd, for up to £6 million.

The purchase will be funded by a 3-for-10 rights issue of 4.56 million new ordinary shares at 280p per share, raising £12.1 million, which will also be used to reduce borrowings.

Lloyds (Burton), which

for use in the valve, engineering, defence and construction industries, made pre-tax profto end-March 1989, on turnover of £20.4 million.

It has not assets of £1.2 million and an overdraft of about £5 million, which Cook has agreed to take on. The tube spinning business, with turnover of £1.7 million and operating profit of £100,000, has been retained by Triplex.

makes and sells steel castings close the recently-purchased Lake & Elliott Paramount foundry at Braintree, Essex. It said Lloyds (Burton) was well its of £1.6 million in the year suited to the high alloy, heatresistant coatings and fittings business currently handled by the foundry.

William Cook's directors forecast that group pre-tax profits for the year to end-March 1990 will be more than £8.75 million, and that the proposed final dividend will not be less than 7.5p. William William Cook intends to Cook shares fell 7p to 320p.

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Spanish governor set to end bank row

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Spain's top banking authority is poised to step in to end a power struggle which has paralyzed decisions at Spain's biggest private bank and has threatened to split it in two. Boardroom arguments sent

the Banco Bilbao Vizcaya into an executive crisis following the death on December 12 of Señor Pedro Toledo, its president, and raised the prospect that the year-old merger agreement between Banco de Bilhao and Banco de Vizcaya might be undone. While the pact specified that

Senor Toledo, the Vizcaya's candidate, should be the president of the new entity for the first year and the Bilbao's candidate for the second year, it did not provide for any substitute in the event of the death of either. The integration of the two banks was to be gradual.

A communiqué, after davlong talks between representatives of the two original banks. indicated agreement on one point only. Both would accept the arbitration of Senor Mariano Rubio, the Governor of the Bank of Spain, the country's equivalent of a central bank, should it be necessary.

Damages won

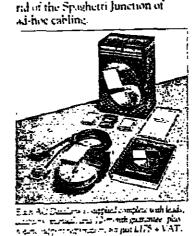
Havelock Europa has won £40,000 damages from Mr Barry Ward, former managing director, and his brother, Mr Arthur Ward, a former direc-tor, in settlement of claims that they broke service agreements. Havelock claimed they breached covenants barring them from taking competing interests in the company's shopfitting business in the summer of 1989.

Under the terms of the settlement, Mr Barry Ward is prevented from taking interests in this line of business until August 1990, or solicit Havelock customers until February 7, 1991. Havelock shares gained 3p to 127p.

Merger vote

In a twist to the fated international accountancy merger between Touche Ross and Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the Spanish partnership of Touche Ross has voted to merre with the local partnership of Coopers & Lybrand. The Deloitte partnerships in Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and the Channel Islands have rejected the merger and decided to tie up with Coopers & Lybrand instead.

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Dealers on red alert as 'mega-bid' talk grows

red alert last night, convinced that an important deal is about to be announced possibly today - which would help to boost the market's **FCCOVERY**

Details remain sketchy, but several securities houses have taken the decision this week to go long and buy the market -despite persistent nervousness about short-term prospects. Midland Bank was reckoned to be buying the FT-SE 100 index futures on behalf of a number of institutions.

This sort of aggressive sup-port has enabled the London stock market to put up a much better performance than expected against the background of setbacks on Wall Street and Tokvo.

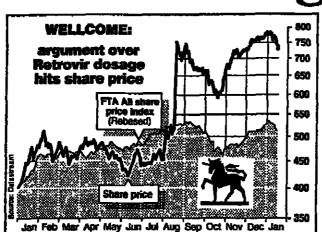
Some brokers are talking

Polly Peck climbed 12p to 415p, belped by a recommendation from Kitcet & Aitken, the stockbroker, to switch out of Geest, up ip at 265p. The boat of selling that has dogged Polly Peck's share price in recent weeks also appears to have come to an end.

about the possibility of another mega-bid being name of Hanson, with its £15 billion war-chest was being mentioned. Shares in the group have been a firm market of late, adding another 3p to 231p last night.

British Land, unchanged at 405p, also features strongly. There was talk this week that one merchant bank had been approached by a third party about launching a bid for the

company.
The speculation only added fuel to a much-needed rally, which left the FT-SE 100 closing at its best levels of the day with a rise of 24.8 points to 2,373.9. Steadier overnight performances in Tokyo and New York settled nerves. But turnover remained low, with just 429 million shares traded. Fund managers remained selective and were reckoned to be taking a long-term view of the market rather than looking to make a quick profit. The narrower FT index of top 30 shares advanced 19.6 to



Government securities finished the session nursing falls of almost £1 at the longer end, upset by a disappointing set of Public Sector Borrowing Re-quirement (PSBR) figures and news of a larger US trade

Among leaders, rises were seen in BAT Industries, 8p to 823p, ICI, 9p to £11.48, and Cable and Wireless, 22p to

560p.
The Wellcome share price continued to lose ground after Tuesday's annual meeting, at which it was revealed that the US Food & Drug Administration had urged the company to halve the recommended dosage for Retrovir, its anti-Aids drug. Retrovir's success has been reflected in the Wellcome share price and brokers

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Wellcome seems unperturbed by the FDA's comments and has already reduced dosage levels in order to minimize the risk of toxicity in the

Scottish & Newcastle slip-ped another 2p to 340p as the story continued to do the rounds that Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, was about to sell its 23 per cent bolding at about 325p. Last year, Elders was ordered to reduce its holding to below 10 per cent after its bid for S&N was blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It is reckoned to have paid

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original holding and is be-lieved to be sitting on a large trading loss. With several large calls due, it may need the extra

Grand Metropolitan clawed back all of Tuesday's losses as dealers continued to ponder the proposed acquisition of a 49 per cent stake in Remy Martin, the French group, and a 15 per cent holding in Cointreau belonging to M Max Cointreau.

Guinness was another firm market, jumping 20p to 664p, ahead of a meeting with analysts. Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French drinks and luxury goods group in which it holds a 24 per cent stake, has announced a surge in pre-tax profits of 45 per cent

Ultramar firmed 2p to 366p. Smith New Court, the broker, says the shares have outperformed the market by 8 per cent, despite the placing of share stakes totalling 23 per cent. This ance is expected to continue this year and any

to best its forecast of £290 million.

opportunity to buy.

The rest of the drinks sector attracted selective support with rises in Allied-Lyons, 3p to 510p, Bass, 7p to £10.68, and Whitbread A', 7p to

Racal Telecom held on to an 11p rise to end at 369p, but dogged by a number of bearish claims, including one that suggested that the cellular telephone market has suffered a downturn. This latest speculation fol-

lows a downgrading of profits last week by a leading broker, whose forecasts had been at the upper end of expectations. The group is continuing to forecast 500,000 subscribers by the end of March.

Avon Rubber bounced back with a leap of 102p to 530p. Trelleborg Gummiwerke, of West Germany, has emerged with a near-5 per cent stake. Speculators are hoping it is a prelude to a full bid.

Michael Clark

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Wider trade gap

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 10,03 points at 2,682,59 early on and declining issues edged out gainers by five-to-four.

Standard & Poor's 500stock index was down 1.0 and the New York Stock Exchange composite index down %. Declining issues led gainers by four-to-three as NYSE volume reached 15 million shares.

A \$10.5 billion (£6.4 billion) US trade gap in November, up from the revised \$10.25 billion gap in October, was higher than forecasts. US bonds trimmed early gains on a 0.4 per cent rise in industrial production and 83.3 per cent capacity use.

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4	Nth America	507.9	0.1	33.8	0.0	22.1	0.0	22.3
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Sends Dow lower

New York (Renter) — An unexpected widening of the United States trade gap in November and lower-than-expected IBM quarterly earnings forced shares lower, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial

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seas stock markets. The Hang Seng index gained 3.05 points lion (£51.8 million).

• Frankfurt - Share prices closed broadly higher in moderately active trading as investors bought back equities after Tuesday's plunge. The 30-share Dax index, which had tumbled 52.93 points Tuesday, rose 13.80 points to end at 1,802,48.

• Sydney - The All-Ordinaries closed 7.4 points higher at 1,682.8. The index had slumped 38.2 points, or 2.2 per cent, in the previous two sessions after declines on foreign markets hit sentiment. aged to avoid another sharp slide, with the Nikkei index rose ending slightly easier, but leaving a large number of issues showing gains. The Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose 20.54 points to 1,533.04, boosted by the strong overnight finish on Wall Street.

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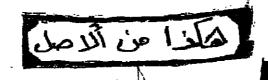
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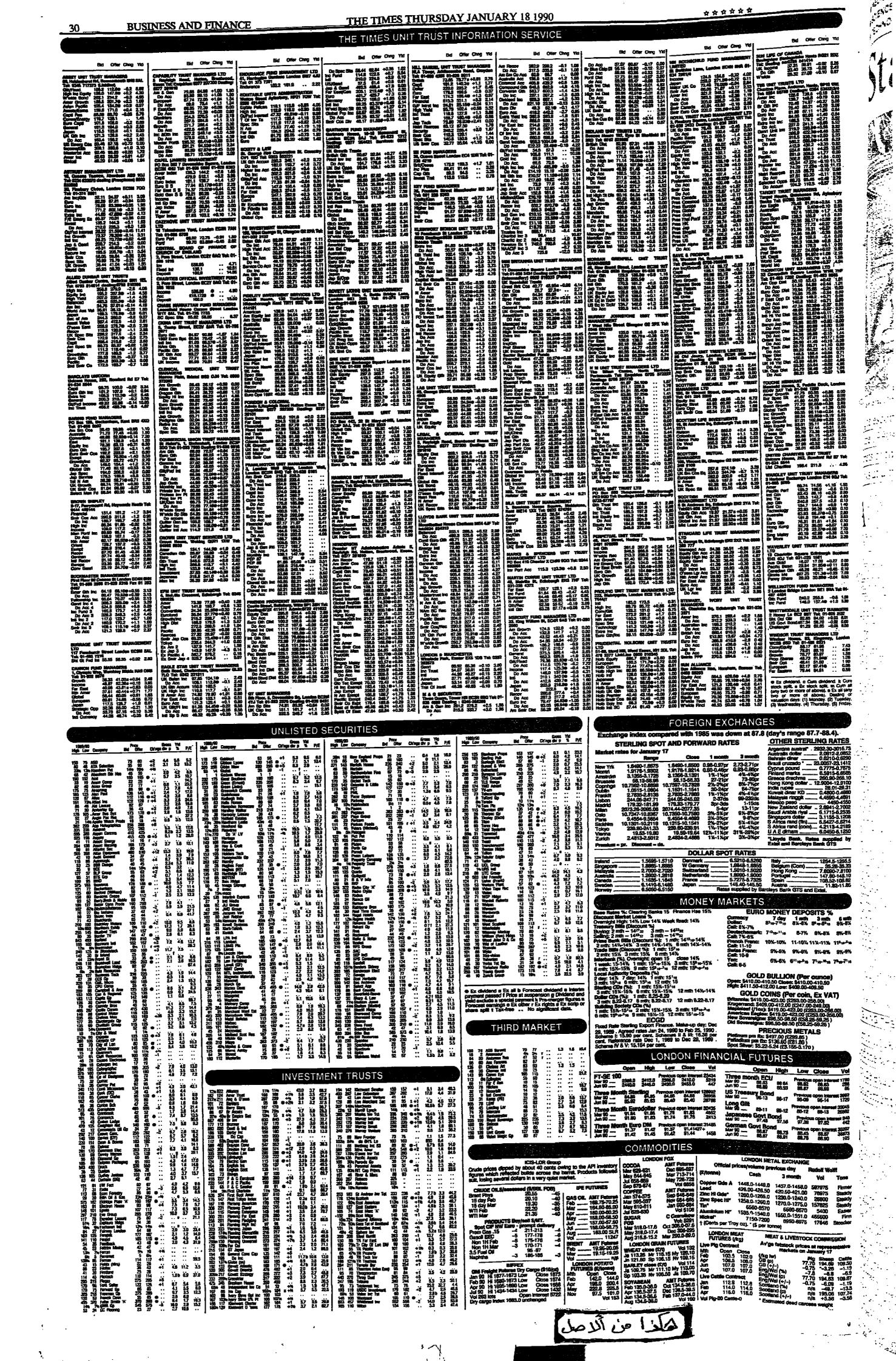
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Old ways: in the 17th century, astronomers used refracting telescope

Big telescopes are back. Astronomy in the 1990s promises to unlock the secrets of the universe. Pearce Wright looks at a new twist in the space race

fter playing second fid-dle to radio astronomy for decades and suffering the withering hand of bureaucracy, Britain's optical astronomers are back in the race to uncover the great secrets of the evolution of the

For years, while Jodrell Bank became a household name and radio astronomers at Cambridge discovered the pulsar and earned Nobel prizes, optical astronomy slipped from its international position and up-and-coming British astronomers joined the brain drain to the modern American observatories at Mount Palomar, Kitt Peak and Mount Wilson.

But, once again, astronomy, with new techniques, computers and super-sensitive instruments, is poised to return to the forefront. Several events mark this year as the start of a new epoch for Britain in particular, and for the world of ground-based astronomy in

One is the realization this month of a long-held dream of optical astronomers. It has arrived with the success of a revolutionary technique, called adaptive optics, which eliminates the distortion of images recorded from telescopes on photographic plates or electronic detectors because of the Earth's atmosphere.

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A second milestone comes in March, when the telescopes of the 315-year-old Royal Greenwich Observatory (RGO) which have been at Herstmonceux Castle, Sussex, since 1948, will be abandoned. The staff and nameplate will be moved to a new office block and workshop in Cambridge, but there will be no telescopes there. Since 1980, the RGO team have been building new telescopes on the island of La Palma, in the Canaries.

The transfer of the RGO to Cambridge is the culmination of a much-needed revival of British optical astronomy. It involved building a new generation of large optical instruments. Even after the move to Herstmonceux, British optical astronomers were handicapped by the cloudy skies over Britain which reduced good viewing to as few as 50 nights per year. Their dilemma was com-pounded by a 10-year argument about where to place a new Greenwich telescope, to be called

the Isaac Newton Telescope (INT). Work on the INT eventually began in 1967 at Herstmonceux. In 1981, it was totally refurbished with a modern mirror system and a set of electronic and mechanical controls and moved to the clear skies of La Palma.

Since the invention of the telescope more than 350 years ago, astronomers have had to resign themselves to the limit imposed by atmospheric turbulence on the clarity of images they see.

Twinkling stars might appeal to romantics. But frustrated astronoflickering effect caused when starlight travels through hot and cold mosphere. Mountain-top viewing removes some of problem caused by air currents in the lower atmosphere. But at heights between five to 10 kilometres, there are swarms of small pockets of air that bedevil even the best mountam-top retreats.

Atmospheric interference was the reason for the first move of the RGO to Sussex, from the knoll on which it was founded in Greenwich Park by King Charles II, in

Using the new electronic detectors, Professor Alec Boksenberg, the RGO director, and Dr Charles Steidel and Dr Wallace Sargent, of the California Institute of Technology, in Pasadena, California, have found a way to detect and probe the chemistry of galaxies in the remotest parts of the universe. This can be done by analysing light from quasars, or quasi-stellar objects: the baffling things that look like a point of light from a bright single star but emit more energy than 100 supergiant galaxies.

Professor Boksenberg's pioneering work is helping most of the large observatories to probe the farthest reaches of the universe, picking out hitherto invisible

Modern professional astronomers rarely look through their telescopes. For years, most observations involved focusing the light on photographic plates, and, more recently, on electronic devices, recording images or computer data to be scrutinized later

When the modern age of optical astronomy began with pictures recorded on photographic plates, at the famous 200in telescope at designed by an ESO team. The Palomar, only one or two photons of light in 1,000 photons from a star or galaxy were captured. Today's electronic devices can detect more than 70 per cent of the

With this increase in efficiency, astronomers believe they will be able to obtain a full chemical analysis of the composition of objects that will provide clues to the history of when and how the first heavy elements were forged.

ntil the new electronic detectors were developed, astronomers were unable to assemble a reliable chronology of the evolution of the universe. The other breakthrough, with adaptive optics, has been achieved by scientists of the European Southern Observatory organization (ESO). Founded in 1962 by eight western European countries, it has established a huge modern observatory for investigating the relatively unexplored sky over the southern hemisphere. Its telescopes have been built on a plateau 2,400

There are now 14 instruments in operation at La Silla, including the 3.5 metre New Technology Telescope (NTT), described as the most advanced instrument in world. Completion of the NTT coincides with successful experiments with another device, also

metres above sea level, at La Silla,

prototype instrument effectively strips away atmospheric turbulence and has been tested by recording images of star systems that scientists believe may have "daughter planets" like our own solar system.

The tests were made at a site with mediocre viewing conditions, using a 1.52 metre telescope, at the Observatoire de Haute Provence, in southern France. Instead of scientists seeing only twinkling stars, the invention neutralizes the atmosphericallyinduced smearing of images" according to Dr Fritz Merkle, one of the ESO design team. "For the first time, this old problem has been demonstrably solved,"

But adaptive optics works by correcting the light before it is recorded - either on a photo-graphic plate or electronically - by removing the atmospherically-in-duced distortions.

The whole process is conducted in a fraction of a second, and involves changing the surface profile of a deformable mirror. The system is controlled by a computer analyser that examines incoming light and determines the distortion from atmospheric interference.

It calculates how far tiny actuators behind the mirror must push and pull its surface. They can do this 100 times a second. With powerful computers and satellite communication links, modern

For the first time, this old problem has been solved'

THE ROYAL GREENWICH

telescopes at places such as La Palma and La Silla are increasingly being directed and operated by remote control from base.

Scientists from the other main optical astronomy team in Britain, at the Royal Observatory for Scotland, in Edinburgh, have already shared the benefits of building instruments overseas. Their international collaboration has been at the two other remote sites with a concentration of powerful telescopes, at Siding Spring, in outback New South Wales, Australia, and on top of Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

The British teams left at home are concentrating on inventing more sensitive detectors and ideas such as active and adaptive optics that will make the distant observatories more efficient.

Scientists believe that some quasars are the most distant objects to be observed in the

universe. According to the theory, only hydrogen and helium were formed in the Big Bang creation of the universe about 15 billion to 20 billion years ago. Heavier elements formed in the stars inside galaxies relatively soon after-

wards, within four billion years. Chemical analysis of objects within range of ground-based telescopes has suggested that different elements are made in various types of stars at different times in their lives.

And, since light from any celestial object takes a finite amount of time to reach Earth, the observers are looking at objects as they were long ago, when the universe was in its infancy.

The light from quasars also has a distinctive characteristic known as red shift, which is an optical effect indicating that an object is travelling at great speed away from the observer. Different red shifts correspond to different

When the characteristics of the light from various distant quasars, and the effect, on it, of clouds of gas and dust in intervening galaxies between the Earth and the quasars are taken into account, the scientists calculate they are analysing the composition of objects over a time-span from 1.5 billion years to four billion years after the birth of the universe.

They have also concluded that the chemical composition of the universe has stayed roughly constant for the past four billion years.

Meanwhile, the great telescope race promises to hot up. It will be fuelled when the Hubble Space Telescope is launched into orbit by the American National Aeronautics Space Administration (Nasa), using a shuttle, later

ATLANTIC OCEAN

ust as importantly, engineers and astronomers are designing a new generation of very large ground-based telescopes, only now coming into operation, that will dwarf existing ones. They will be able to collect light from the farthest

corners of the universe with giant mirrors to pick up even the feeblest light. Ultimately, astronomers judge a telescope by the diameter of its main mirror which collects and focuses starlight. The largest telescope today is a six-metre telescope in the Soviet Union, In 10 years' time, there will be eight larger telescopes - the biggest

containing four mirrors that, together, have the power of a single mirror 16 metres across. Astronomers have now reached the point where they can expect little improvement in their detecof 70 per cent to the theoretical maximum of 100 per cent would

tors: even going from an efficiency be a comparatively small improvement. As we near the 21st century, the space race seems likely to be battled out on the ground. Will Britain stay among the front runners?

GIVING THE BBC THE PIPS: ROYAL GREENWICH OBSERVATORY HANDS OVER A TIME-HONOURED ROLE

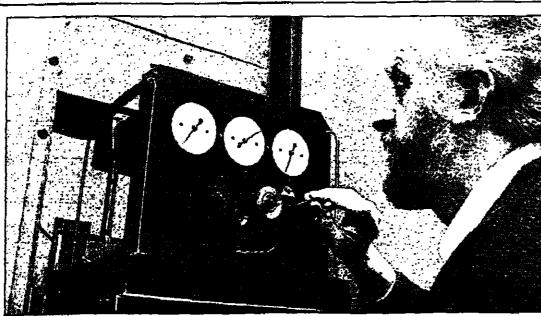
Atomic clocks around the world provide exact measurements

newers in time-keeping begins next month when the Royal Greenwich Observatory (RGO) hands over to the BBC responsibility for the six-Pips time service, the signal which made Greenwich Mean Time a household name.

The Greenwich signal was first

broadcast by the BBC at 9.30pm on Tuesday, February 5, 1924. Sir Frank Dyson, the ninth Astronomer Royal, introduced the first signal at the request of John (later Lord) Reith. It was derived from the seconds movement of a long-case pendulum clock. This generated electrical impulses that were sent by landline to the 2LO (medium wave broadcasting) studio, at Savoy Hill, on the Embankment, London, for wireless transmission through the British sies as six dots, the last of which

indicated the beginning of the Gradually the use of the signal Spread, and today it is broadcast



Split second: Greenwich's Tony Seebrook adjusts the pip-generating equipment at Herstmonceux, Sussex

throughout the world on the BBC Home and World Services.

The first public time signal came into operation at Greenwich Observatory in 1833, when a ball was hoisted to the top of a mast at 12.55pm every day and dropped

Ships on the Thames could check their chronometers, which were essential for measuring longitude and navigating by the

The advent of the railways brought pressure for accurate time nationwide and for a uniform system throughout the country. A method of disseminating time

from clocks at the observatory had already become possible with development of the electric telegraph. The local mean solar time. or the time that would be recorded by a sundial, when measured for the longitude of Greenwich (that is Greenwich Mean Time) was rapidly adopted as the standard time for railway timetables. Yet it was only in 1880 that

Greenwich Mean Time was made

the legal time Britain. In 1884, the Greenwich meridian was formally adopted as the zero longitude of the world and the basis of the world's time zones. With the invention of the quartz clock 50 years ago, bringing timekeeping to an accuracy of 0.001

seconds a day, irregular changes

were detected in the rotation of the Earth, revealing a potential discrepancy in using local solar time

for precise measurements. There is a growing need for precise time for international communications and position-fixing systems, particularly for operations involving spacecraft.

The quartz clock was followed by atomic and caesium devices. measuring a few millionth of a second, for scientific purposes. The signal is now derived from

more than 100 atomic clocks around the world. They provide a time-scale that is commonly called GMT, but in fact is a system of Co-ordinated Universal Time, adopted 18 years ago. Key dates

1675: RGO founded. 1833: First public time-ball signal. 1852: First time signals from Greenwich by electric telegraph. 1880: GMT made legal time in Britain.

1884: Longtitude of Greenwich adopted as basis of world time

1924: Greenwich six pips first transmitted 1939: First quartz clock at Greenwich. 1966: First atomic clock at Greenwich. 1972: Co-ordinated Universal Time introduced. Sixth pip made

1990: BBC takes over the pips.

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Are they fighting fit?

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reports on a call for tighter medical

controls at the

ringside

punch on the head from heavyweight boxer Frank Bruno is like being struck by a 14-pound padded mallet travelling at 20 miles an hour, a medical conference was told this week. The full force of such a punch is equivalent to about half a ton, according to the results of a series of controlled experiments in which Bruno took part, and which have been reported in the British

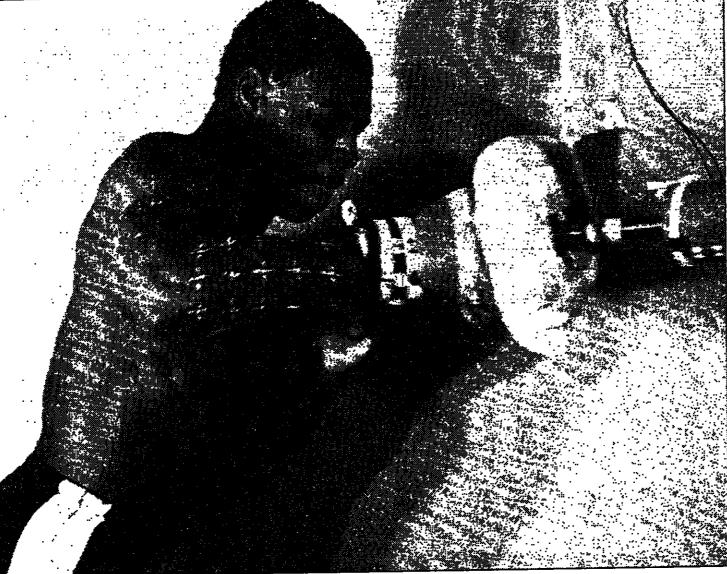
The unnerving statistics were used by Owen Sparrow, honorary consultant neurosurgeon at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, at a conference on head injuries to demonstrate the potential dangers

Although head injuries in boxing are rarely fatal, with 28 boxing deaths recorded world-wide between 1979 and 1985, up to 55 per cent of professional boxers suffer some form of brain damage, Sparrow told the conference, organized by the College of Occupa-

The most likely type of damage is boxing encephalopathy, some-times known as dementia pugilistica, or punch drunk syndrome. Researchers have linked the brain damage caused to boxers with epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of senile dementia. Last year Dr Jeffrey Cundy, a consultant anaesthetist at Lewisham Hospital, south London, and a member of the British Medical Association's working party on boxing, said that about one in five boxers showed a type of abnormal electrical activity in the brain, similar to that

found in epilepsy sufferers. Dr Gareth Roberts, a neurochemist at the Clinical Research Centre, Harrow, Middlesex, found similarities in post mortem samples of brain tissue from a group of retired boxers and from patients with Alzheimer's disease.

Sparrow told the conference of a recent case of an unidentified boxer admitted to the London Hospital after being knocked out. A large blood clot was removed

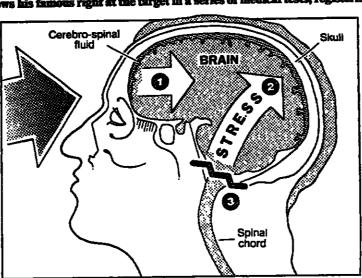


Packing a punch: Frank Brune throws his famous right at the target in a series of medical tests, registering the equivalent of about half a ton

from his brain, but the boxer was severely disabled by the injury. The means of preventing these injuries has to be sensible regulations, and prompt medical intervention, not at the whim of the referee but at the insistence of the doctor who must be at the ringside," Sparrow said.

He advocated neuropsychological tests for boxers who appeared to have been injured, and said the careers of those found to be at risk should be ended.

Despite the bazards, boxing is low on a league table of lethal sports, Sparrow said. According to a study in the United States, the estimated risk of death in boxers was 13 per 10,000 participants. compared with 128 per 10,000 jockeys in horse racing.



The brain is surrounded by fluid, so it can move forwards and backwards within the skull. A severe blow to the head causes concussion and

A similar effect occurs
opposite the point of impact
due to damage to small blood
vessels and nervous tissue.

An extremely severe blow
can cause death from a sudden displacement

backwards of the neck. Repeated blows can lead to increasing loss of brain tissue, resulting in boxing encephalopathy, sometimes known as dementia pugilistica, or punch drunk syndrome. It is common among retired boxers, and the symptoms include slurred speech, unsteady gait, impaired memory and slowed impaired memory and slow

COMPUTING

The new breed in office systems

new breed of personal com-puter application looks set to have an impact on the way people do business with one another over the next few years.

Just as word-processing software changed the way many people write, and spreadsheets forced a rethink on financial plans, so "officeware" or "groupware" may well change the way we run our offices.

Officeware is software designed to benefit the running of an office. It consists of a number of functions grouped together, electronic mail, an electronic office diary (into which everyone in the office enters their appointments, and to which everyone can gain access via any computer on the network) and a scheduler — so that people within an office or workgroup can see when given projects must be completed, what stages their colleagueshave reached, and when

people are going on holiday.
Used properly, officeware can
make a big difference to the way a company or department operates. When booking office meetings secretaries no longer have to check five people's diaries. They need only check the computer diaries, book the medical computer diaries, book the meeting and send electronic mail messages notifying people of the time.

Electronic mail also offers more attention-getting power than an ordinary memo. On many "email" systems, a message will flash up on screen showing when a message has been received by a worker's computer, who has sent it and what it is about.

A number of office e-mail

systems also let the message sender know who has read their memos and when.

But the software only works if it gains quick, widespread acceptance throughout a company. And the only way that will happen is if it is easy to use and accessible through all the computers in an office - even when they come from different manufacturers.

That is the main reason officeware is big news among computer companies such as Apple, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Word Perfect and IBM, all trying to take a share of the market.

Macintosh tried pioneering the idea less than successfully a few years back; now it has developed some skilful electronic mail and mini and mainframe connectivity software.

Hewlett-Packard recently announced a New Wave Office integrated office system, using a picture-based command system to run officeware across a number of different computers and systems Microsoft is relying on its OS/2 LAN Manager networking soft-ware and recently improved

Microsoft Mail system to be at the forefront of its officeware The latter is an electronic mail system which operates on IBM-

compatibles and Apple Macintosh and allows e-mail to be sent between the two systems. Word Perfect also has its Office electronic mail system working across a number of different

computer systems. Geof Wheelwright

Laser for clay shoots

An environment-friendly and social way of clay pigeon shooting has been developed by a British company using laser beams. The laser is attached to a traditional shotgun and if a hit is scored the beam is bounced back into a receiver, also mounted on the gun. Successful shots are relayed to a land-based computer.

In contrast to the usual noise of shotguns and environmentally hazardous splinters of lead litter-

ing the ground, the laser gun is silent and clean. The system has a simulated bang which can be volume-controlled, meaning that clay pigeon shooting can be enjoyed in the city

as well as the country.

The system, which took five years and £500,000 to develop, is the brainchild of the family firm Lasersports, based in the New

Forest, Hampshire. Cathy Nicholson-Pike, who runs Lasersports, says: "We do not claim to be replacing traditional clay pigeon shooting — although gamekeepers who have had a go thoroughly enjoyed it.

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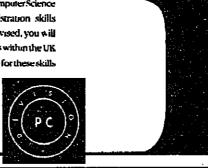
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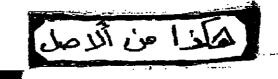
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Riding the wind

The Government seems reluctant to

fund small generators that harness nature's power, Nick Nuttall writes

wenty-five years ago, be-fore the public became conversant with the greenhouse effect, acid rains and ozone holes, Alza Cooklin bought his first wind generator for 20 shillings, complete with a 6ft mahogany

"I was a medical student renting a house for about £8 a year," recalls the former Edinburgh University student, now a psychiatrist at a London hospital. "There was no electricity, gas or anything, and I saw an old Lucas Freelight from the 1930s. The laird delivcred it to me for £1."

Yet what may have started out as a whim has turned into a consuming interest spanning two and a half decades. Next to his holiday house, 20 miles north of Berwickon-Tweed off the Edinburgh road, stands a proud park of wind turbines and solar cells. It includes the Freelight and a 50 and a 250 watt generator made by Mariec of Corby, Britain's biggest maker of

small-scale wind systems.

There is enough energy in the park to power lights, television sets, a computer, hi-fi system, electric drills and a coffee grinder. From the top of a nearby hill, Cooklin can look seven miles across to Torness and its nuclear nower station. "Not an ounce of my power comes from there."

The Government has given millions to the research and development of large-scale wind turbines. These units, such as the Central Electricity Generating Board's newly erected one-giga-watt generator at Richborough, Kent, are designed for the national grid. Yet small-scale generators have received little public fund-

Export potential of either smallscale wind or combined wind and solar powered generators is vast. claims Charles Peterson, a telecommunications engineer who be-came interested in alternative power when working in Libya

with its telephone company. He believes that small-scale units offer a cheap and reliable power source where there is a shortage of fuel, parts and skilled repairmen.

They could also help bring Information Technology to the developing world, giving villagers trouble-free power to take educa-tional, commercial and other data from satellites and on to personal computers. They can also power two-way telephone communications and television.

"Probably millions of places throughout the world have no mains power, such as villages in Pakistan, India, Africa and the Australian outback," says Peterson, who is also a member of the British Wind Energy Association's (BWEA) Small Systems Group and owner of Windsun Systems of

John Fawkes, who founded Mariec II years ago and won the Queen's Award for Industry last year, says: "It seems that every week new applications emerge We started with small 50W machines for electric fencing on remote farms." On fish farms in Scotland and Ireland, small wind turbines are now powering electric offshore feeders and seal-scarers to ward predators away from the

British Telecom is interested in units for repeater stations, and British Rail is testing wind gencrators on high tension wires near Loughborough to drive devices measuring the level of wear on train pantographs. And lighthouse administrators, including Trinity House, are either using or considering small-scale generators to drive low-powered beacons.

Yet, despite this apparent potential, the small-scale wind energy industry in Britain remains a cottage industry compared with the government and industry funds for large kilo, mega and gigawatt machines. Fawkes does not resent the access of companies such as GEC, British Aerospace



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Nature's way: small wind generators are a cheap and reliable power source in remote areas such as the fish farms of Scotland and Ireland, running electric feeders and seal-scarers

and Taylor Woodrow to the public purse, but believes smallscale units have a vital role to play in the industry and in the protec-tion of the environment. His company has just designed a 1kW wind turbine that, it is hoped, will be commercially available soon.

ut he needs help to develop machines to bridge the gap between national grid and smallscale machines, "If we approach the National Wind Turbine Centre in East Kilbride, Scotland, which is part of the National Engineering Laboratory, they start talking of thousands of pounds to do any work," Fawkes

It has left British manufacturers, such as Marlec, LV Motors of Letchworth in Hertfordshire and Lumic of Poole in Dorset at a disadvantage against overseas

"We are just being left on our own. This is not the way to get an industry going. Large companies have the researchers and can get £4 million or £5 million to develop iL"

European countries, including West Germany, Denmark and

The Netherlands, have grants available for the installation of small-scale systems.

BWEA's small systems committee has secured a meeting next month with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in a bid to gain recognition for the role of small-scale generators. Fawkes says: "We are asking for help to develop better batteries, systems, aerofoils and methods of manufacturing blades." However, he is unsure whether help will be forthcoming, despite a British market potential running in the hundreds of thousands of pounds and overseas in millions for the £200 to £1,000 machines. "We may be caught between two stools the Department of Energy, which funds the big boys, and the DTI," Fawkes says.
Yet it appears that the Govern-

ment is at last taking small scale wind and solar seriously. A survey has just been completed into the technology's potential, details of which will be discussed at next month's meeting. But the findings are being kept confidential amid concern that valuable commercially-sensitive information may fall into overseas competitors'

Catch the desktop boom

he demand for technical authors and desktop publishing operators is booming as firms realize the benefits of hiring specialists to produce documents.

A lot more companies are doing DTP [desktop publishing] in-house and there are many more opportunities for consultancy work, particularly for the management and accountancy firms, which are aiming for better presentations to their clients," says Nicole Fulion, managing director of the Desktop Recruitment agency in London.

"The demand from publish-

ing and printing houses and the design studios is growing quite fast as they see what can be accomplished with DTP."

DTP operators have seen a sea change in the market, as

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All sewn up: Dr Brendan Hinds and Dr James McCartney of Queen's University, Belfast, have invented a system for making accurate garment patterns using computer graphics

Cut down to size — by computer

aper patterns used in the clothing industry will soon be produced by computer - bringing sector of garment-making still dependent on manual skills.
Software is being developed which can, within minutes, con-

vert designers' sketches into accurate patterns, exactly specified on a computer screen. Computer graphics portray exact screen photographs of the finished garment, appropriately coloured, long before the material is

The advance promises greater efficiency and higher profits for industry. Large stores will be able to assess a design from a computer

of samples. Quicker responses to changes in fashion will be feasible. The patterns can also conform

exactly to the designers' plans.

Complex mathematics, which
make it possible for information about body depths to be introduced into a designer's twodimensional sketch, form the basis of the breakthrough. Dr James McCartney and Dr Brendan Hinds, engineers at Queen's University, Belfast, who are funded by the Science and Engineering Research Council, have found a way to compile a threedimensional database for garment design from an array of coordinated points, obtained by

"digitizing" the surface of a trade

Quicker responses to fashion will be feasible

mannequin. The design, based on this data, is then conveyed to the

been achieved by adapting, with scissors and adhesive tape, standard cardboard cut-outs created by craftsmen, many years before, for each garment type. These 2D sample patterns frequently need re-working to reflect accurately the designer's plan, or achieve the geometric precision needed for cutting in batches.

This highly-skilled operation can now be done on a graphics work-station. Here, the surface description derived from the trade mannequin is represented on screen as a dummy, capable of being scaled to different sizes and proportions. Each design can be applied to a range of sizes.

The designer and computer work together to design the 3D garment panels using the dummy, measuring how far off the body surface the garment should be. A

on the dummy surface and surrounds, imprints points specified in the design. These form the building blocks of the design and the pattern. The cursor nominates the points the designer has marked to create the cubic curves which form the panel edge, and

then joins the points.

Algorithms (arithmetic computations) have been devised which develop the 3D surface points into 2D patterns, fed from the computer. Slight manual adjustment for type of seam or hang of cloth is still required. Negotiations are in progress to sell the technology to a local garment company.

Carmel McQuaid

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Can you spare a bite, buddy?

he vampire bats of Latin America are not the most lovable of creatures, with their habit of returning to the same victim night after night to drink blood. But it is quite a different story from the vampire bat's point of view. In a paper in the February issue of Scientific American, Gerald Wilkinson, Professor of Zoology at the University of Maryland, shows that vampire bats live constantly on the brink of disaster, for if two nights pass without a blood meal, a bat will starve to death. The habit of returning to a known victim again and

reducing the risk of starvation. But vampire bats have a second, more remarkable insurance policy: they have evolved a "buddy" system, in which individual bats have longterm partners that will regurgitate and share their blood, so that their partner will not starve.

again is one way of

Wilkinson studied his vampire bats in Costa Rica. The same species, Desmodus rotundus, is found from Mexico to Chile, roaming the countryside in the pitch dark (nights with too much moonhight are avoided), looking for horses, cattle, and very occa-

sionally humans, to feed upon.
The bats are well-adapted for their work. They use echolocation to navigate in the dark and a refined sense of smell helps them track down their prey. Heat sensors in the bat's nose find the best place to bite, a warm spot where a blood vessel lies just below the victim's skin. An anticoagulant in the bat's saliva then keeps the blood flowing for the 20 to 30 minutes needed to complete a

Each bat must drink between 50 and 100 per cent of its body weight in blood every night. Young bats are at particular risk of starvation. Until they become skilful at biting quickly and painlessly they are often driven away by their prey.

Wilkinson observed the bats' social life in the hollow trees in which they roost. All he needed was a pair of binoculars, a diffuse light source and the forebearance to lie on his back with his head inside the base of a tree. He found that the bats have long stable relations with one another - one pair of females, for example, roosted together for 12 years. Vampire bats may live for as long as 18 years. He also saw bats regurgitating blood to feed

That vampire bats feed

blood to their young had been discovered by Uwe Schmidt, a zoologist who kept a colony of the bats in the turret of the ancient castle of Poppelsdorfer Schloss in Boan. (The bats were not allowed to roam the countryside in search of prey, but were fed on blood from the local slanghterhouse.) But there is a big difference between

feeding one's own offspring, which all mammals do, to feeding unrelated adults, which is almost unknown.

ilkinson showed that about the partners with which they share blood meals. Bats with a long history of co-habitation feed one another quite often. But blood is given most readily for one companion that frequently donates blood in return.

The buddy system really is a life-saver: Wilkinson's studies show that on average 30 per cent of young bats and 7 per cent of experienced bats fail to find a victim on any one night. From those figures a computer simulation predicts that, in the course of a single year, 82 per cent of bats would go hungry on two consecutive nights and die. But the buddy system has cut this potential death rate to only 24 per cent.

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n a fourth-floor office offering views across the city of Durham, with the majestic cathedral and brooding castle dominating the skyline, Les Henson is charting the progress of the past few decades and the tasks ahead for one of England's

most northerly counties. Henson is the chief executive of the County Durham Development Company, set up by the county council in 1987 to develop initiatives for economic regeneration. It steelworks and 8,000 proworks closely with the Northern Development Company rolling stock. Today, fewer and the Department of Trade and Industry, which lead the remaining collieries. Steel, campaign to attract investment in the region.

Henson says: "The past few ty's economy totally transformed. We have seen the difficulties caused in the past by too much reliance on just a ew leading employers and we have learned the lessons. The economic base is now more liverse and varied.

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The old works declined and 40,000 people became unemployed. But today Durham is optimistic about

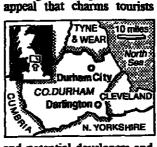
its broader industrial base and new investment

mining, steel and heavy engineering. Early this century 150,000 men worked in 150 pits and almost 50 coke works. Once, 10,000 laboured in its duced railway engines and than 5,000 work at the four railway engines and rolling stock are no longer produced.

Vast industrial waste areas decades have seen the coun- have been reclaimed, not just to improve the environment but to change the county's image and make it more attractive to investors. A second industrial revolution has developed and attracted modern technology businesses and there has been particular interest in Japanese and other Far Eastern concerns already

> The western half of the county's area of almost 1,000

Its administrative and historic centre is the city of Durham, where the cathedral, designated along with the Norman castle as a World Heritage Site, provides an



and potential developers and companies.

The county has a modernized communications system. comprising motorways and trunk roads, InterCity rail links, airports at Newcastle upon Tyne and Teesside, and county's area of almost 1,000 port facilities on the Tyne, square miles is mainly open Wear and Tees rivers. It moorland and wooded valleys boasts six further education factories are being built by the

Traditionally, the county and is recognized as an area of colleges and Durham Uni-bas been associated with coal-outstanding natural beauty. constraints of colleges and Durham Uni-outstanding natural beauty. a long way since its low point around 1983 when 40,000 men and women were out of work. The unemployment rate among the male work-force was 25 per cent. Today, there are 21,000 jobless, 9.6 per cent of the work-force, a remark-able achievement in six years secured by a common determination and a close relationship among develop-ment agencies, local auth-orities and regional offices of government departments.

Ken Frankish, Durham's economic development director, believes the county is enjoying the benefits of initia-tives taken 25 years ago to reclaim the areas of industrial dereliction, invest in new infrastructure and create a

modern image. New industrial estates have sprung up on greenfield sites and demand is such that more

Government's English Estates, the county hopes speculative developers are starting to see the opportunities.

Many companies of national and international reputation are now established and an impressive number of overseas concerns are part of the economic base: They include Sanyo, NSK and SMK from Japan, and more than 14 American and 20 European companies. Household names already represented include Black & Decker, Fisher Price, 3M, Electrolux, GEC Tele-communications, Mono Containers, the makers of plastic cups and food containers, Electrolux and Norsk Hydro.

Two recently announced investments will provide thousands of jobs. Fujitsu is spending £400 million and creating 1,500 jobs to set up a European microchip man-ufacturing base at Newton Aycliffe, and Millicom, a telecommunications service company, will create 1,000 jobs.

The county council has financial packages it believes challenge the rival attractions, and has committed £1.25 million a year to development 14,000 jobs in five years.

Better deals in the countryside

ust as many problems can lie behind the curtains of cottage windows as in the inner-city housing estates. Un-employment, social, economic and transport problems, and poor facilities are concerns shared by countryside communities - and County Dur-

ham is no exception. Two-thirds of Durham. containing 15 per cent of the population, is designated a rural development area by the Rural Development Commission. It is the target of schemes and programmes to achieve the aspirations in the slogan of the associations formed to run the system: "A better life in the countryside."

The East Durham Rural Development Area, the smaller of two designated areas, takes in parts of the districts of Durham, Easington and Sedgefield, as well as Whitton Parish in Stockton-on-Tees. It has productive farms, but a century of mining and quarry-ing has left it with high unemployment, dereliction,



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The Rural Development Commission has brought improvements to life in the communities that

would have been impossible for the local councils

sprawling pit villages and a its falling population sta-declining population. Dur- bilized in the 1970s and ham's only four working pits are in the eastern section. It is an area recognized by the commission as having more serious problems than others and is eligible for enhanced assistance.

The West Durham Rural Development Area includes the Teesdale District, a large part of Wear Valley District and the south and west of Derwentside. In the west it is sparsely populated Pennine moorland and dales. Although

unemployment has declined, the jobless number is still high and almost 40 per cent of claimants have been out of work for more than a year.

Against this background, a joint steering committee for the two areas has produced a three-year programme to improve economic and social conditions. The strategy is to businesses and community organizations and to operate a

includes workshops, support for small businesses, environmental improvements, better transport links and community facilities, and new tourist attractions.

By the end of 1988 English Estates, as agent for the commission, had created 135 workshops, providing 167,000 sq ft of space and 635 jobs across the two areas. The tenants include bakers, chemiencourage local people to start cal manufacturers and hi-tech computer services.

Commission grants have



Observing a regeneration: Ken Frankish has seen a £10 million injection to boost employment

services in Teesdale and Weardale, and several multi-purpose village and commu-

nity centres.
The new Coxhoe Centre provides a sports hall, squash courts, a weight training room, a snooker table and a lounge. Without the funds local people would have had long journeys to enjoy ame-nities of this kind.

At South Hetton, offices on the former colliery site have become a community centre, and at Langley Park, still scarred by a mining tradition dating back to the 1870s, the programme has inspired wideranging environmental im-

One ambitious scheme is the Durham Dales Centre at Stanhope, which will act as a tourism information centre and the basis of a business advice system and will provide craft training and workshops to diversify the local economy. The commission is paying the £650,000 cost.

The improvements to the environment and physical not only benefit the communities but are also a vital part of the task of attracting invest-

Ken Frankish, the county council's economic development director, says the commission has ploughed £10 million into the area since 1984. He adds: "The local authorities could not have found funds of that sort. Without this investment, the outlook for our rural areas would be of even higher unemployment and a much bleaker future."

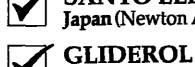
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Tourism revives a flagging economy

county of Durham had the potential to be a popular tourist attraction would have been greeted with incredulity and more than a little laughter, both within and without its boundaries.

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The accepted image then was of a dull and dour region dominated by the coal and steel industries and their environmentally offensive waste products; of flat caps and whippets, dirt, grime and cultural horizons that lifted no higher than the stage of the local working men's club.

Today that image - it was never the real truth, of course - is a thing of the past, and tourism is making an increasingly important contribution to the county's economic

More than a million people a year now visit the county, spending between £30 million and £40 million. This has created 4,000 jobs and supports another 11,000.

Not surprisingly. Durham County Coucil intends to keep the ball rolling by injecting £75 million into tourism and creating a further 2,000 jobs. Development projects include a new visitor centre in Durham city; an alpine leisure park in Wear Valley, new totels and improvements to

The area's best-known landmark is the magnificent Durham Cathedral and its neighbouring castle - now a World of rule by the Prince Bishops & Wear.

Visitors flock to the county once shunned for being dull and dirty

Heritage site - but there are a host of other attractions, including a rich and varied natural landscape.

The open-air museum at Beamish is the winner of a European award and attracts more than 300,000 visitors a year, while the classic architecture of Durham city brings in more than 350,000 tourists annually.

Other points of interest include the Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle and Darlington Railway Museum. And, for the more active, the county boasts 16 golf courses and 14 leisure and sports centres. Man-made attractions are

not the only tourist lure. The western half of the county forms part of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and includes Britain's highest waterfall, High Force. Tourism marketing by the

county council is based on three heritage themes. First, there is the rich Christian tradition of Durham county as the Land of the Bishops, the name given to promotion of the area.

This emphasizes 800 years

of Durham, powerful men who controlled the frontier

land between England and Scotland like kings. The two other themes are the countryside and the county's industrial and social aspects.

The success of tourism in the county is due to the foresight of its county council. During the past three decades enormous areas of unsightly and derelict land - left over from the county's industrial history - have been

The council started its campaign of environmental improvements in 1954 by appointing a forester to plant trees on small pit-waste heaps. At the time there was no government money for such work but when grants were introduced in 1960 the council stepped up its programme.

Today, 36 years after the initiative began it has achieved remarkable results. More than 700 improvement schemes have since been carried out and 10,000 acres of land reclaimed, providing 46 miles of railway walks, nine picnic areas, five nature reserves, new golf courses and small industrial sites, playing fields and housing estates.

The marketing of the new green image of County Durham will continue next year at the National Garden Festival, which is being held on the doorstep, at Gateshead, Tyne

The return of considering 18 sites throughout the Japanese the north-east. Scotland and Wales. It was the first wave of a is a kind of flood of investment from the Far East that was to have a great impact on economic and homecoming

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severe depression. Today, more than 20 Japanese companies are based in the north-east, including Britain's largest concentration of mechanical engineering investment, and, in the case of the carmaker Nissan, just across the county border at Washington, the single largest manufacturing investment by a Japanese company in Europe. It is hoped to double that number

employment opportunities in a region then labouring under

during the next three years. In her book, Japan and the North East of England, Marie Conte-Helm, head of Japanese Studies at Sunderland Polytechnic, writes:

"As NSK Bearings (Europe) prepared to start production at In March 1974, the Japanese Peterlee in the mid-1970s, a ball-bearing manufacturer, new day was dawning and a

build a plant at Peterlee after development of the region great source of sub-contracting beginning. Despite the initial controversy over the establishment of NSK in the northeast, the recruitment of the first British workers and contact with the local community started to turn the tide and focus attention on the cultural differences and management style which characterized the Japanese way of work."

Another industrial revolution

mong the Japanese concerns now in County Durham are SMK, which makes electronic components at Newton Aycliffe, near Darlington: Sanyo, which produces microwave ovens near by, Tokyo Yogyo UK, which makes refractories at Chilton; and Fujitsu, which is to build a £400 million plant, the second biggest Japanese investment after Nissan, to make semi-conductors at Newton Aycliffe, providing 1,500 jobs.

Nissan and Komatşu, manufacturer of earth-moving equipment, are just over the northern

NSK, announced it was to new phase in the industrial border of the county but are a provide cultural outlets for work within Durham. By 1992, it is estimated that total Japanese investment in the northeast will total more than £1 billion and will have created about 8,000 direct jobs.

Though the relationships between this region and Japan may seem to be comparatively recent, in fact they stretch back more than a century to 1862 when a group of Japanese envoys visited Britain.

Because of the north-east's world-wide reputation as a centre of excellence in industry and technology, the Japanese delegation took the opportunity to visit the region and its important coalfields, heavy engineering works and shipbuilding industry.

From this beginning, con-

tacts developed, resulting in the Imperial Japanese Navy placing orders with shipyards on Tyne for battleships. Today, the links are stronger than ever. Several hundred Japanese now live in the area and associations and groups

adults and children. Durham is to provide a campus for 100. Teikyo students a year. They will take part in college lifewhile perfecting their English.

Other activities in the region include martial-arts clubs, kiteflying clubs, origami demonstrations and demonstrations. of the Japanese tea ceremony.

Conte-Helm, a former cultural officer at the Japanese embassy in London, says that the original investments by Japanese companies did nottake place without some controversy over their effect on indigenous businesses and suspicions of their long-term commitment.

However, she adds, there is a sense of coming full circle in the relationships now established: in the late 19th century, the north-east aided Japan's progress towards modernization. And today's Japanese investment is contributing to the revitalization of Britain's north-east region as it climbs

A university that leads

urham University, bine commercial and academic founded in 1832, is the expertise to aid industrial third oldest in England with around 5,000 full-time students and 2,000 staff. It takes pride of place at the head of the county's academic institutions, which include six further education colleges, 47 comprehensives and fine private schools.

The county of Durham

was at the forefront of

the Industrial Revol-

ution, establishing the

world's first steam passenger

railway, the Stockton and Darl-

ington in 1825, and developing

huge coalfields, iron and steel

plants and shipbuilding yards.

During the past three de-

ades, however, there has been

a dramatic change. The county

no longer produces steel or

railway engines and the num-

ber of pits has dwindled from

It seems appropriate that the county should also be the

birthplace of a second indus-

trial revolution that has en-

gulfed north-east England.

150 to a mere handful.

The university enjoys a world-wide reputation in many areas of expertise. It intends to expand student numbers to 6,000 in the 1990s. It is undertaking developments to build on its links with the regional community and industry and reinforce its ent to national education and international scholarship and research.

Projects include an overseas branch school of Tokyo's University of Teikyo, which will provide a teaching and cultural centre for 130 Japanese students. The school, due for comple-

tion this spring, marks another close tie between the region and Japan. The university also intends to establish a college on Teesside with the local polytechnic, providing 1,000 places.

The university is a wellestablished partner with industry in the north-east, involved in projects that comregeneration and the creation of new jobs. It offers a wide range of specialist equipment and the services of experts for solving problems, testing and analysing samples and carrying out research into new products and processes. Its Industrial Research Lab-

oratories, housed in the Mountjoy Research Centre, were set up jointly with English Estates as a prestige location for commercial research and development. With Newcastle University and the polytechnics of Sunderland, Teesside and Newcastle, Durham has formed Higher Education Support for Industry in the North to add to the partnership links.

The university's presence and its highly developed re-search facilitities and hi-tech skills are seen as an important influence in attracting new investment to the area. Durham's graduates, too, are much in demand by industry. Income from research grants and contracts are running at ranking university," he says.

record levels. At almost £6 million, the figure for 1988-89 was 25 per cent higher than versity has one of Britain's most popular engineering departments, with support from industry and research councils. Projects include robot manufacturing techniques for such items as shoes and underwear and the production of new plastics from polymer research as part of a national drive, with £40.6 million funding during the next six years by the Science and Engineering Research Council.

Durham has one of the most highly regarded geography departments in Britain, using computer technology for recording information and processing statistics. It is studying the influence of the greenbouse effect on sea levels and its implications for coastal areas of Western Europe.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Fred Holliday, welcomes the 1990s. "Durham is well placed to meet the challenges and play its part as a top-



Shiro Fujimoto heads the £400 million Fujitsu factory project, while Durham University forges academic links

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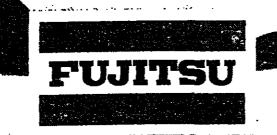
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Mental health review tribunals are courts for contempt purposes

[Judgment July 27, 1989]

A patient applying for discharge to a mental health review tribunal was entitled to bring proceedings to restrain publicatribunal proceedings which constituted a threatened or actual breach of rule 21(5) of the Mental Health Review Tribunals Rules (SI 1983 No 942).

Where a patient sought to prevent publication of the fact that he was making such an application, of the date of the hearing and of the tribunal's decision, he was entitled to injunctive relief only in respect of the date of the hearing, prior publication of which was prohibited by the rule.

Since the proceedings were not in being until after his application had been received by the tribunal and since the bare result of its decision was not part of the proceedings, he was not entitled to relief in respect of the publication of such information.

A mental health review tribunal discharging its duties under the Mental Health Act 1983 exercised thereby "the judicial power of the state of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and for the purposes of contempt of court.

Since section 12(1) of the Adminstration of Justice Act 1960 applied to proceedings before mental health review tribunals, a patient was entitled

The Court of Appeal so stated (Lord Justice Glidewell dissenting in part) allowing the appeal of the patient, Mr Peter Pickering, from the refusal of Mr Justice Roch to continue an injunction granted ex parte by Mr Justice Simon Brown restraining the defendants,

Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Newspapers plc, Associated Newspapers Holdings plc and Yorkshire Post Newspapers pic from publishing any informa-tion about his application to the mental health review tribunal, in particular that he had made an application for discharge, the date of the hearing and the tribunal's decision.

The Court of Appeal had Contempt of Court Axet 1981 that its judgment was not to be reported until after the conclusion of the proceedings before the tribunal.

On December 22 the patient's solicitors indicated that the proceedings were so concluded and on January 17 the Court of Appeal released the judgment

Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Robin Allen for the nationt: Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Graham Read for the first defendant; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Manuel Barca for the second defendant; Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Manuel Barca for the third nt; Mr Nigel Plenning as

Pickering v Liverpool Daily Post and Echo Newspapers pic and Others

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord

to seek relief in respect of any threatened or actual publication of information relating to proceedings before the tribunal which constituted a breach of preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had a history of the particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had been upon her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her. He had been upon her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her her had been particularly brutal killing of a preceded by a sexual attack upon her her had been part other violent sexual attacks on

women and children. The Crown and the court had accepted his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility and he was detained in a secure mental hospital under a restric-

tion order. A previous application for discharge had been attended by much publicity leading to proceedings being taken by the Attorney-General against the first and second defendants in the present action for contempt

Those proceedings had been dismissed on the grounds that the tribunal was not a court for the purposes of section 19 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and because on the facts there had been no contempt if the tribunal were such a court: see Attorney-General v Associated Newspaper Group plc ([1989] 1

Under the Mental Health Act 1983 the review tribunals were given the power and duty of applying statutory criteria and on the basis of their findings ordering or refusing to order the release of restricted patients from detention to which they hodies which were undoubtedly

Furthermore, the tribunals had the power to summon His Lordship had no doubt that in law a mental health in his judgment, in so far as Attorney-General v Associated Newpspaper Group plc decided otherwise it was wrong and should not be followed.

With regard to contempt of court, there were no grounds for granting the patient an injunction designed to deter the defen-dants from impeding or prejudicing the course of justice. Publication of the information they wished to disseminate would not necessarily have that

effect. His Lordship considered the Mental Health Review Tribunal Rules 1983 made pursuant to section 78 of the 1983 Act.

Rule 21 provided: "(1) The tribunal shall sit in private unless the patient requests a hearing in public and the tribunal is satisfied that a hearing in public would not be contrary to the interests of the

"(5) Except in so far as the tribunal may direct, information about the proceedings before the tribunal and the names of any persons concerned in the proceedings shall not be made mblic."

Section Adminstration of Justice Act 1960 provided: "(1) The publication

information relating to proceed-ings before any court sitting in private shall not of itself be contempt of court except in the following cases...(b) where the proceedings are brought under Part VIII of the Mental Health Act 1959, or under any provision of that Act authorizing an application or reference to be tnade to a mental health review tribunal or to a county

His Lordship referred to the mischief at which section 78 and matters concerning the physical construction, in the context of the rule were in part directed, or mental health of individuals. namely the invasion of the wardship, put on the words patient's privacy and the posproceedings". In that context what was prohibited was the sible exertion of pressure on those concerned with the decision-making process, publicapublication of information concerning the proceedings, tion in advance as well as contemporaneously, would in such as witness statements. reports and accounts of interhis Lordship's judgment be a report of the tribunal's views, but not the fact that the proceedings had been instituted.

His Lordship therefore con-cluded that the defendants would be in breach of rule 21(5) if they published the date and place of the hearing but not if they published information that the patient had applied to the tribunal, or the hare result of the tribunal's proceedings.

an application had been re-Turning to consider whether the patient had a right to sue to ceived by the tribunal and, perhaps, notices sent to other intended parties, there were no restrain a breach of rule 21(5) proceedings before the tribunal. his Lordship considered Lonrho Ltd v Shell Petroleum Co Ltd Furthermore, his Lordship should be construed to prohibit authority for the proposition publication of the name of the applicant. In the absence of that where a statutory pro-hibition was enforceable by clearer words, the prohibition prosecution, that, subject to two exceptions, was the only method What was prohibited was that of enforcement other than by the Attorney-General. he was concerned in the

The first exception was where the probibition was imposed for particular class of individuals. In such circumstances, there arose at common law a correlative right in those persons who might be injured by its

In his Lordship's judgment, rule 21(5) was enacted for the benefit of all concerned in proceedings before mental health review tribunals: the benefit being of privacy which, With regard to the date of the hearing, bearing in mind the appropriate in the context of

contravention.

A wider basis for the patient's claim might be founded on Chief Constable of Kent v V (1983) QB 34) where Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had held that section 37 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 enabled the court to grant injunctive relief to anyone who had "a sufficient interest" if it appeared just and convenient to do so.

Clearly the present patient, who was directly and immediately affected by a threatened breach of the law, satisfied that test Considering section 12 of the

Administration of Justice Act 1960, his Lordship could not construe the section other than as providing that, subject to knowledge, publication of information relating to proceedings under any provision of the Mental Health Act 1959 and now the 1983 Act, was a contempt of court.

He accordingly considered that the patient would be en-titled to an injunction to pre-vent the commission of a contempt of court of the type contemplated by section 12(1Xb).

His Lordship would allow the appeal in part and grant the patient an injunction in the erms of rule 21(5).

Regardless of the terms of the injunction, the defendants and others would always have to bear in mind that information which they might be free to publish, must nevertheless not be published in a context which would impede or prejudice the course of justice and be a contempt of court at common

of Court Act 1981. LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL, dissenting in part, said that while he agreed with the Master of the Rolls that rule 21(5) did not prohibit publication of the fact that the patient had applied to the tribunal or of the bare result after the conclusion of the proceedings, prior publication of the hearing date was not a publication of a report of the proceedings under section

Accordingly such prior

His Lordship agreed that the review tribunal was a court for

12(1)(b) of the 1960 Act was that publication of information relating to proceedings on an application to a minimal might be contempt if there was some stantory provision relating to such tribunals which prohibited

It followed that in that respect the ambit of the law of contempt coincided with the ambit of rule 21(5). A deliberate breach of the rule might well be a contempt, a publication not offending against the rule was not

On that issue, his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Roch

Acquittal was not on a technicality for defendant's costs order

Before Lord Justice Woolf and

Where a defendant accused of driving while the proportion of alcohol in his blood exceeded the prescribed limit was found to bave no case to answer because the police officer had failed to inform him of the possibility of providing a urine sample rather than a blood sample, the court should not have refused to award him his ground that he had been acquitted on a pure technicality which

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Alan Wareing against a refusal by Thomas Cowling, a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate sitting at Greenwich, to award him his costs out of central funds following his acquittal on a charge of driving

Warring v Director of Public his blood, contrary to section left to pay his own costs.

respondent.
MR JUSTICE PILL said that the appellant had been asked to provide a specimen of blood after the Intoxemeter machine aborted following the taking of one measurement. He was not

found that he had no case to answer and acquitted him but having taken into account para-graph 4(c) of Practice Note (Justices: Defendant's Costs) 1982 ([1982] 1 WLR 1447) which provides that "Where there is ample evidence to support a conviction but the defendant is acquitted on a

(1)(a) and Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted by section 25 of and Schedule 8 to the Transport Act Road Traffic Act 1972 could properly be regarded as a technicality within the meaning of

the Practice Note. The Act laid down a proce-dure which the police were required to follow. The procedure had not been followed in what was, in his Lordship's view, a material and significant

To deprive a defendant of the the choice between providing a blood or urine specimen could not be considered a technicality. If there was no consent the taking of a blood sample would

It was impossible to say that the defendant had been acquitted on a technicality and impossible to say that the case came within paragraph 4(c) of the Practice Note.

Lord Justice Woolf agreed. Solicitors: Sandoms, South

Document can be falsified if not completed

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Gatehouse and Mr Jus-

[Judgment December 6]

A document could be falsified on a true construction of section 17(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968 where there was a duty to complete one of a number of standard printed forms and no document was completed. In such circumstances one of the become a document "required"

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Abu Shama against his conviction on February 17, 1989 at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Mr Re-corder Gerald Owen, QC and a jury) on four counts of false accounting on which he received concurrent sentences of 18 months imprisonment on

each count. Section 17 of the 1968 Act provides: "(1) Where a person dishonestly, with a view to gain for himself or another or with intent to cause loss to another. -(a) destroys, defaces, conceals or falsifies any account or any record or any document made or required for any accounting purpose: . . . he shall, on conviction on indictment, be liable to imprisonment for a term not

(2) For purposes of this section a person who . . omits

is to be treated as falsifying the account or document.

Apart from the fact that prima

facie it was appropriate to adopt

the same construction in relation to rule 21(5), that approach

was reinforced by the fact that the rule appeared in that Part of

the Rules concerned with the

bearing, and the fact that until

did not consider that the rule

should not be so extended.

proceedings, not information from which it might be inferred

that he was or would be so

erations applied to the publica-tion of the tribunal's decision.

part of the proceedings.

protected.

Slightly different consid-

In his Lordship's judgment

were protected from publication

as part of the proceedings, but

the bare result was not so

Mr Andrew G. Young, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Andre de Moller for the

MR JUSTICE PILL, giving that the appellant at the material time had been an international telephone operator employed by British Telecom plc.

the operator was required to fill in a form which had a number of printed figures and codes and was known as a charge ticket. Particulars of the call were entered at appropriate places on the form which was then used for accounting purposes. The operator had a pile of forms in front of him.

The case against the appellant was that on four occasions in 1986 he had connected a London subscriber with an overseas subscriber without filling in the charge ticket required in each case. The four specific occasions were specimen

The principal ground of ap-peal was that the facts disclosed no offence under section 17(1). The point that had been argued for the appellant was that

there was no such document:

indeed it was of the essence of

charge ticket had been filled in in respect of any of the four

Some curious results followed if the appellant's argument was First, if the operator dis-

honestly omitted one or more material particulars (with the necessary intention), he committed an offence, but if he omitted all material particulars, which was in practice the only

Each of the words in section 17 must be given a meaning if possible, and it was noted that the legislature had used the phrase "made or required" in

sub-paragraph (a).
Their Lordships were of the opinion that as soon as the operator's duty arose, one of the standard printed forms became a document "required" for an accounting purpose. The fact that the operator

might have had more than one of the standard printed forms in front of him did not prevent there being an identifiable document for the purposes of the The fact that the operator

might choose to pick up the second form before him rather than the first, the two forms being identical, did not mean that no document was in existence. Their Lordships concluded

that the prosecution, therefore, were not obliged to do what, by definition, they could not do, namely to produce a charge ticket relevant to the telephne call referred to in each cou They had only to satisfy the jury that the appellant had dishonestly and for the purpose specified in the opening words of section 17, failed to complete a charge ticket by omitting material particulars from a

accounting purpose. Solicitors: Mr Colin R. Green, Milton Keynes.

said that the appellant was convicted by the justices on November 25, 1988 of one Protection Act 1987.

tion for a case to be stated was sent by first class post to the justices clerk.

The time limit of 21 days

The appellant then applied to the crown court for leave to appeal out of time against

appeal to the crown court.

The result was that the appellant had lost both its right to

apply for a case to be stated and also its right of appeal to the

Divisional Court in R v Brighton Justices, Ex parte Bawa (unreported, June 3, 1986) where it was held that an application would comply with the time limit in section 111(2) if it was resistant to the time limit in section 111(2) if it was written and posted within 21 days even if it had not been received

His Lordship would add that

That conclusion accorded with the provisions for service by post laid down in section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978 which provided that a service

not made for the purposes of election under section 111(4) unless it was made within the 21-day time limit. There was therefore no election to proceed

Relevant question to be asked in assessing defendant's costs been their acquittal. not appear and was not

Regina v Dudley Magistrates Court, Ex parte Power City Stores Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pili [Judgment January 12]

In assessing costs payable to a defendant out of central funds under section 16 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, the appropriate question was whether the defendant acted reasonably in instructing the counsel he did and not whether more junior counsel or a solicitor could have dealt with the

The Oneen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an application by Power City Stores Ltd and lan Kendail Cattermole for judicial review and quashing a decision of the clerk to the Dudley Justices to disallow the costs of leading payable to the applicants out of

Mobil Oil Corporation v

Before P. Gori, Chairman, G. D.

Paterson, P. Ford, K. Jahn, C. Payraudeau, R. Schulte and J.

Novelty of purpose conferred

directed to a particular non-

medical use even where the

technical realization was the

same, the Enlarged Board of

European Patent Convention

("EPC"), is responsible under article 22 EPC for deciding

points of law referred to it by

boards of appeal. It was giving

iudement on three questions of

law which had been referred to it

by the Chemical Board of

Appeal. In Case T59/87 Friction

Reducing Additive (OJ/EPO 1988 347) the Chemical Board

of Appeal 3.3.1 in its decision

dated April 26, 1988, of its own

motion, referred three questions

of law to the Enlarged Board of

Appeal under article 112(1)(a)

(i) When amended claims

involving a change of category

(here: from a "compound" claim to "use of that compound

in a composition for specified

purpose") are proposed in oppo-

sition proceedings, what considerations should be taken into

account when deciding on the

admissibility of such amend-

ments having regard to article 123(3) EPC? In particular how

far should the national laws of

contracting states relating to

Those were:

The board, created under the

al, Munich, held.

on a patent claim

Chevron Research Co (Case G 2/88)

(Judement December 11)

Enlarged Board of Appeal

represented.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the clerk's task had been to assess the appropriate sum payable for costs pursuant to an order made by the justices when informations against the

applicants were dismissed. allow the costs of leading counsel because he was of the opinion that the matters alleged

executive of the company, committed acts intending to It was hard to imagine more

It was argued that the clerk had asked himself the wrong question in considering whether a senior solicitor or junior counsel could reasonably and properly have conducted the matter for the applicants.

The correct question was whether the applicants had acted reasonably in instructing leading counsel. The answer to that question would have been

There were many situations where junior counsel or a solicitor could conduct a case but where it was not unreasonable to instruct leading counsel. This was one such case.

The court was justified in concluding that if the clerk had asked himself the right question he would have come to a different conclusion and his decision therefore had to be turned to him for re-assessment Mr Justice Pill agreed. Solicitor: Edge & Ellison, The system of accounting was that each time a call was made

for an accounting purpose.

ing as Micro Managen Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr A.

C. Blyghton and Mr G. A. Peers [Judgment January 12] An employee who alleged that bonus payments had been withheld from his pay packet could not claim the amount from an industrial tribunal under section 5 of the Wages Act 1986 since the failure to pay a bonus was not a deduction within the meaning of section 1(1) of the

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal dismissed an appeal by the employee, Mr Stanley Bar-low, from a decision of a Truro industrial tribunal in July 1988 that they had no jurisdiction to hear his claim against the em-ployer, A. J. Whittle (trading as

Munich

Failure to pay bonus is not a wage deduction Barlow v A. J. Whittle (trad-

The employee had appealed on the ground that the industrial tribunal had erred in law in inding that the withholding of bonus payments was not a deduction under the Act. Section 1 of the Wages Act 1986 provides: "An employer

shall not make any deduction from any wages of any worker employed by him unless the deduction satisfies one of the following conditions . . . "
Section 8 provides: "(3)
Where the total amount of any vages that are paid on any occasion by an employer to any worker employed by him is less than the total amount of the wages that are properly payable by him to the worker on that occasion . . . then, except in so far as the deficiency is attributable to an error of computation, the amount of the

the purposes of this Part as a deduction made by the em-ployer from the worker's wages on that occasion." Mr Brian Keith for the em-ployee; Mr Richard Greening for the employer.

deficiency shall be treated for

day. It was looking to the mechanics of the calculation of the item of wage due to the

If the intention had been to allow claims for breach of

missed and leave to appeal granted.

Canadian order was breached September 11, 1989 the Family

Before Mr Justice Ewbank [Judgment January 16]

An unmarried mother, an Englishwoman, who had been granted an interim custody order relating to her daughter by the Supreme Court of Ontario was in breach of the order when she returned to the United Kingdom with the child.

Mr Justice Ewbank so stated

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granting to the father a declaration that the removal of the child from Ontario was wrong-ful under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (scheduled to the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985) and ordered the return of the child to the invisdiction.

By article 3 of the 1980 Convention: "The removal of a child is to be considered wrongful where - (a) it is in breach of rights of custody attributed to a person . . . either jointly or alone, under the law of the state in which the child was habitually resident immediately before the removal or Miss Joanna Dodson for the

father, Mr Michael Warren for

MR JUSTICE EWBANK said that the parties had lived together in Canada from 1984 until December 1988. K. a girl, had been born on May 11, 1988. After the separation, on

the mother.

Division of the Supreme Court of the Province of Ontario had granted an interim custody order to the mother and an father.

The mother returned to the United Kingdom a week later without the leave of the court and did not inform the father. The father sought the return of the child to Canada. On behalf of the mother it had

The words "sentence of imprisonment" in section 1(4) 1982, as substituted by section 123(3) of the Criminal Justice an immediate sentence of imprisonment

offender institution on

having an interim custody order in her favour, could determine The court could not accept rights of custody were to be exercised within the Province of

Ontario and that order had been

Solicitors: Hodge Jones & Allen, St Pancras; Edwin Coe for Waddington & Son, Burnley.

Sentencing offender

Act 1988, should not be given a narrow meaning or confined to

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Mr Justice Turner at Shrews-bury Crown Court following the defendant's plea of guilty to the manslaughter of his baby daughter. MR JUSTICE LLOYD said

minded to suspend the prison sentence he would impose. When the prosecution pointed out that the defendant was aged 20 so that a sentence of imprisonment could not be passed and there was no provision for suspending orders for detention in a young offender institution, the judge, after retiring to consider the matter, said

There were no grounds on which their Lordships could

that the least sentence he could

election

publication was not prohibited by the rule which was made under section 78.

the purposes of the Contempt of Court Act 1981. However, the effect of section

the publication.

Lord Justice Farquharson delivered a judgment concurring with the Master of the Rolls.

Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield; Lace Mawer, Liverpool; Swepston Walsh; Lupton Broomhead

Request to state case was late but valid P & M Supplies (Essex) Ltd v

Hackney London Borough Coencil Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill [Judgment January 12]

An application to justices to state a case under section 111 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 980 was made when it was sent by post in such circumstances that in the normal course of events it would arrive within the 21-day time limit laid down in section 111(2). Therefore, if such an application did not arrive within the time limit it

was still effective.
The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held visional Court to grant and dismissing an appeal by P & M Supplies (Essex) Ltd against a refusal by Judge David, QC, at Chester Crown Court to grant leave to appeal to the crown court out of time against a conviction by Portmadog Justices on the ground that the appellant had already applied to the justices to state a case.

Mr Barry Cotter for the amicus curiae. LORD JUSTICE WOOLF

offence under the Consumer On December 14 an applica-

within which the application had to be made under section 111(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 expired on December 17. Unfortunately the application did not arrive until December 22. The time limit was absolute and could not be extended and the justices refused to state a case.

However, the judge took the view that as an application had been made to the justices to state a case, even though it was made late, an election to appeal by way of case stated had been made under section 111(4) and the appellant had lost its right to

However, the judge had not had the advantage of being referred to the decision of the

although the application could be regarded as having been made when it was sent, it must have been sent in such circumhave been sent in such circumstances that in the normal course of events it would have

was deemed to be effective at

to the justices to state a case. Therefore, strictly speaking, the point decided by the crown court did not arise for decision.

However, his Lordship held the view that an application was not made for the

Solicitors: Ashley Kalms Travell & Co. Southend-on-Sea; Treasury Solicitor.

system could be operated, he ommitted no offence. Second, if, instead of being supplied with a pile of tickets, one to be used for each call, the operator had been given a sheet on which the necessary details had to be filled in seriatim, covering each one of a series of calls, the omission of one com-

plete line of details on a sheet because the sheet in question would be an identifiable document. That was an example given by Mr de Molier which highlighted the artificiality of the appellant's argument. As soon as a local subscriber contacted the operator and isked to be connected to a

foreign subscriber, it was the operator's duty to fill in the

standard form tickets in the vile in front of him. It did not matter an identifiable document. Here though no doubt in practice it would be the one on top of the

> "wage" was due and that there had been a "deduction" from that wage.
> The industrial tribunal found that in order for section 1 to operate there had to be an amount of wages acknowledged by the employer to be due from him to the employee; another amount claimed by the em-ployer to be due from the employee and an act by the employer to recover the amount

of his claim by taking it off wages otherwise payable. They held that those requirements were not met. Mr Keith relied on section 8(3) of the Act and submitted that there had been a non-payment of wages which should deemed to be a deduction. The mischief against which the Act was aimed was the wrongful deduction from a wage which had been carned and which was due on a particular

worker on that occasion.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said contract, normally brought in the county court, to be brought

Regina v Horney the Criminal Justice Act

Accordingly, where a trial judge indicated that an offence was such that a prison sentence had to be imposed but he was minded to suspend it, the subsequent imposition of a sentence of detention in a young defendant who was in fact under 21, was not in breach of the requirements of section 1(4).

Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Owen) so held on January 15 when dismissing an appeal by James Charles Horney against a sen-tence of 18 months detention in

Solicitors: Vivian Thomas & Jervis, St Ives; Marsons, Manchester. been submitted that the mother,

that submission. The mother

a young offender institution imposed on October 25, 1989 by

that the trial judge, having referred to various matters of mitigation, stated that he was

impose was one of 18 months regard that sentence as wrong

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then nothing could be simpler than to say so. The question arose as to what meaning was to be given to section 8(3). Where the employer's case was either that he had paid the sum claimed, or that

under the contractual arrangements the sum claimed was not due, the primary remedy for an applicant should be in the county court. There was no issue relating to deductions. It was where the employer's case was that although a particular sum was due he was entitled to deduct a certain amount from it that the applicant had a cause of action in an industrial tri-bunal. Thus section 8(3) was intended to cover a situation

where the gross sum for a pay day was shown on a document or agreed and where less than that gross sum was paid. Basically it was for industrial tribunals to deal with deduc-tions and for county courts to deal with failures to pay.

The appeal would be dis-

the time when the document would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post. In the instant case it could be assumed that in the ordinary course of events the application would have arrived in time. The result was that the appellant had in fact made a valid application

by way of case stated if an application was made late. Mr Justice Pill agreed.

infringement be considered? "(ii) Can a patent with claims

[Judgment January 17]

Mr Nigel J. Ley for the appellant; Mr Peter Ader for the

informed of the possibility of providing a sample of urine under section 8(4), as

technicality which has no ment

The clerk said he did not

against the applicants could have been dealt with by a senior solicitor or junior counsel.
The applicants' explanation for employing leading counsel was that the charges amounted to very serious allegations that a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly quoted group of companies, together with a senior

counsel had made complex Mr Melbourne Inman for the applicants: the justices' clerk did applicants and the result had

> opposition proceedings so that "(iii) is a claim to the use of a compound for a particular nonmedical purpose novel for the purpose of article 54 EPC, having regard to a prior publica-tion which discloses the use of

the compound is used?" invention in respect of which

Section 2 provides: "(1) An invention shall be taken to be new if it does not form part of the state of the art.

"(2) The state of the art. shall be taken to comprise all matter (whether a product, a process information about either, or anything else) which has at any time before the priority date... been made available to

by written or oral description. by use or in any other way. Section 91 provides: "(1) Judicial notice shall be taken of the following, that is to say - (a) the European Patent Convention . . . (c) any decision of or expression of opinion by, the relevant convention court on any question arising under or in

Novelty of purpose in patent claim directed to a "compound" and to a "compound including such compound" be amended during the claims are directed to the use of that compound in a composition" for a particular

> non-medical purpose, so that the only novel feature in the claim is the purpose for which Section 1 of the Patents Act 1977 provides: "(1) A patent may be granted only for an

that compound for a different

the following conditions are satisfied . . . (a) the invention is

the public (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere)

Section 130 provides: "(7) Whereas by a resolution made on the signature of the Community Patent Convention the governments of the member states of the European Eco-nomic Community resolved to adjust their laws relating to patents so as . . . to bring those law into conformity with the corresponding provisions of the

Birmingham.

... sections 1(1) to (4), 2...76 , are so framed as to have, as nearly as practicable, the same effects in the United Kingdom as the corresponding provisions of the European Patent Convention . . . have. . . ". The provisions of article 54 of EPC correspond almost exactly

with those of sections I and 2 of

the 1977 Act and article 123(3)

Mr Alan I. Jones, European Patent Attorney, for Mobil; Mr Gerald E. Kosmin, European

of EPC with section 76.

European Patent Convention

... it is hereby declared that the following provisions of this Act

Patent Attorney, for Chevron. THE BOARD, after lengthy consideration of the issues in-volved, stated in paragraph 10.3 that the answer to question (iii) could be summarised as follows: With respect to a claim to a new use of a known compound, such new use might reflect a newly discovered technical effect described in the patent. The.

attaining of such a technical effect should then be considered as a functional technical feature of the claim (for example, the achievement in a particular context of that technical effect). If that technical feature has not been previously made available to the public by any of the

EPC, then the claimed inven-tion is novel, even though such technical effect might have inherently taken place in the course of carrying out what had previously been made available to the public. The board set out its answers to the questions as follows:

(i) A change of category of

granted claims in opposition

proceedings was not open to objection under article 123(3)

extension of the protection conferred by the claims as a whole, when they were interpreted in accordance with article 69 EPC and its protocol. In this context, the national laws of the contracting states relating to infringement should

(ii) An amendment of granted

claims directed to "a com-

pound" and to "a composition

including such compound", so

that the amended claims were

directed to "the use of that

not be considered.

compound in a composition" for a particular purpose, was not open to objection under article (iii) A claim to the use of a known compound for a particular purpose, which was based on a technical effect which was described in the patent, should be interpreted as including that technical effect as a functional technical feature, and was accordingly not open to objection under article 54(1) EPC provided that such tech-

nical feature had not previously

been made available to the Patent agents: Carpmaels &

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The Company of

BOWLS Consistent King has earned his

> selection By David Rhys Jones

Mervyn King, aged 23, a gamebeen selected to play for Eng-land in the CIS Home International series which will be held at Prestwick from April 4 to 6. His introduction into an experienced team is the only change from last year's winning

King has won the national under-25 indoor title twice in succession, and also reached the junior final on grass in 1988 and 1989. His consistency was re-warded when he was given the chance of playing a supporting role to Tony Allcock in Sunday's trial, and he turned the opportunity to his advantage with a brilliant performance.

Jim Lambert, of Stanley, gware that his place in the Englandream was under review, also rose to the occasion in the trial, recording a remarkable 35-9 victory over Russell Morgan, of Fest Dorset a beautyman of fest Dorset as heavyman. of East Dorset, a bravura performance that entitles him to return to the position be has occupied since 1986 — as third man to David Ward, of Norfolk.

The stability of the England team is perhaps best reflected in the selection, for the fifth year running, of the same six skips, although only the rink skipped by Pip Branfield, of Clevedon, has remained intact throughout has remained intact throughout the five-year period. Branfield, unbeaten in 12

games, undeater in 12 games, modestly ascribes his success to the support he gets from Brett Morley, Mel Biggs and Wynne Richards, although he has played some "big" bowls himself and is one of the most consider players in the Evaluad. popular players in the England

Better known as a team olaver than as a singles exponent, he recently qualified as the England representative in next month's Embassy world indoor singles championship, when it will be interesting to see how he gets on

interesting to see how he gets on EMBLAND TEAM: Rink 1: G R Smith (Surdermod, R Gass (Curderia), G A Smith (Supdermod, R Gass (Curderia), G A Smith (Cyphera), A E Thomson (Cyphera), K Requick (Preston), M R King (humstanton), A Alcock (Bentham), Rink 3: J M Ottaway (Wymondham Dell), C Simpson (Hartispool), G P Harmigton (Hartispool), G P Harmigton (Hartispool), G P Harmigton (Rick, J N Bed (Curderia), Rink 4: S Paimer (City of By, R Caste (Epsench), W Hobart (Boston), O J Bryant (Clewedon), Rink 8: K B Morley (Notingham), M Biggs (Thareacolom), W Richards (Cambridge Part), P J Brardield (Clevedon) Rink 8: JE Radrad (Boston), S Hairing (Pacdington), J Lambert (Startey), D S Ward (North Walstem), Reserves: 1 M Boyle (Scurstoppe), J Leeman (Blacispool Borough), R Kanp (Abartey), E Hanger (Northampton), G Startey (Long Meadow), North Walsham, the Savourites,

North Walsham, the favourites, will play City of Ely at Mid-Suffolk: Stowmarket, in the quarter-finals of the Anglia Se-cure Homes championship on February 3.

Other matches and venues are Newcastle v Spalding (Hull), Westlecot v Torbay (Bristol) and Dartford Stone Lodge v Victory (Egham).

Alix Ramsay meets Britain's controversial director of international rowing

A hard pull in troubled water

The last year bas not been an easy one for British rowing. Behind a respectable record of two senier and seven junior medals in international competition lie 12 months of internal wrangling, beycotts, resignations and adverse publicity. And at the forefront of it all has been Penny Chater, in her capacity as the director of international rowing for the Amateur Rowing Association

The infighting bas taken its tell on Chater. She has not been well, she has gained two stone, and she has had no time for anything remotely resem-bling a private life. "There were times last summer when I literally ground to a halt," she said. "Somehow we dragged ourselves out of each crisis, but personnel management

suffered. That's what happens when you haven't got time to communicate with people." Life as a woman in a man's world is never simple. When Chuter first applied to the ARA for a job as one of the national coaches she never thought she stood a chance. But she was appointed in 1973, starting out with respon-sibility for the coaches award scheme. As she moved up the ranks she took over women's rowing, the junior men, and then in 1979, she became the chief men's ceach. "I was aware that I was being doubly tested in everything," she said. "I had to prove myself to be twice as good as everyone

It was when Chuter took over as director of international rowing she found that the pressure was really on. Trying to produce top-class crews while balancing the books and making sure that everything ran according to plan proved a Herculean task.

"It was agreed to appoint one full-time professional: me," Chuter said. "This person had to be responsible for the performance of the international crews. But they were also supposed to be aware of the financial and management side of the sport.

That system works provided you have staff to do the day-to-day running of things. I was supposed to have a financial manager and a rowing

But finding herself under-staffed and unresourced, Chuter finished up doing the lot. "We survived until the 1988 Olympics," she said.
"Then I lost my administrator



On the beach: Penny Chuter, honoured for her services to the sport but now unsure of her role after 17 years with the ARA

and I wasn't allowed to reappoint her. As to the Olymoics. I ended up on my knees. No one wants to work at 150 per cent all the time."

By 1989, all hell had broken loose. Chuter had lost some her squad coaches and then the chief national coach, Michael Spracklen, resigned over selection procedure. Chater is a firm believer in

the national squad system with top earsmen from around the country being selected to form composite crews. Spracklen is not. He is in favour of elite club crews being given the chance to train for international competition. As the British rowing world

hived off into factions, there were boycotts of selection trials, suspensions, and general mayben. "Looking back on it," Chuter said, "I think I only did one unprofessional thing, I should have read the writing on the wall, and said: This is the last straw - we cannot go on like this."

ceaches who make the national squad system work, and more money for administrative staff to let her get on with what she sees as her primary role — producing world-class crews. "I have been under a lot of

pressure. But on a personal level I don't have problems making tough decisions. For me it is a challenge to get the athletes to the top level. What stresses me is spending my whole life working."

Trying to fill the coaching

positions proved to be a problem. "I couldn't find anyone to appoint because either they had the necessary expertise but couldn't afford the time or they didn't have the expertise or they were biased in favour of certain factions." In October the ARA decided to hold a special meeting to try and settle the disputes. Its

post of director of inter-

basically what Chuter had been asking for 12 months before. That left Chuter to apply for the new job as performance manager with evervone else. "I was thinking seriously

whether I would apply or not or even whether to get out of rowing completely. Eventually I applied at the last minute. The rationale now is: If I

get the job, I get it knowing there is going to be some money and a rowing manager available so that I can spend time on the technical side. "If I don't get the job, I still

have a long-term contract with the ARA. At international level I was supposed to be judged on performances. With the success we had last season, despite the problems, they have no basis for getting rid of me. In the meantime, they seem have to moved the goalposts."

"I'm a teacher at heart. I

want to help people who want to improve theziselves and i am motivated by people who want to get on. I make no apology for elitism in sport. If anyone is good enough at anything, they ought to be essisted to reach as high as

"Our Olympic record is one the best in the country. There are many good rowing clubs pushing up the standard and we have a good environment to produce quality athletes. The challenge is to get

The irony of the story is that last year Chuter was awarded an OBE in the Birthday Honours. She finally found time in her packed schedule to collect it in October. "On the Sunday the council meeting voted to make my position However, Chater is at pains redundant," she said. "And on to point out that this is not a the Tuesday I got my award sob story. "I am still very for services to British rowing."

SQUASH RACKETS

Welsh Wizards on a whitewash victory habit

The Leekes Weish Wizards have Ross Norman win over Martin developed a taste for whitewash After achieving their first5-0 victory over Embassy dgbaston Priory last week, they went to Surbiton this week to repeat the process against Weir Systems Surrey.

Dropping only two games in to play againstive rubbers, the elite squad until he was increased their leadership to five second game. points over UTC Cannons, who could manage only a 3-2 win over Alisports Northern. Third placed Village Leisure Hotels also won 3-2 against Edgbaston.

The leaders appear to be gathering momentum with this ninth successive victory, main-taining their undefeated record in the league. Only the top strings, Chris Robertson and Adrianne Davies, relinquished games at Surbiton. The lower order, Robert Owen, Jamie Hickox and Mark Maclean, reluctantly gave up just 24 points collectively.

Cannons, conversely, looked almost complacent at first and fourth string in a match which Neil Harvey, the player-manager, acknowledged as a man-datory 5-0 was for any datory 5-0 win for any team wanting to stay in the league

Harvey was absent because of a back injury, but ended the evening wishing be had played as victory was narrowly achieved only by a relentless

Bodimead in the deciding second-string rubber. "We worked for our three wins in our usual manner" Harvey said. "But Del Harris at first string was little short of pathetic against Mark Cairns,

and Simon Parke did not begin to play against Simon Taylor until he was 0-8 down in the These two are England internationals. Harris is the British champion. They should know

you cannot relax against any-body at this level of the game. Players like Cairns and Taylor are just waiting for opportu-nities like that."

Cairns agreed wholeheartedly after his victory. "I guess I was the hungry underdog with nothing to lose. I could just go for it."
Harvey is all too aware that
Village Leisure Hotels is right behind him with a squad that is scrapping enthusiastically for selection. Colin Keith, the young Scot who reached the World Young Masters final on Sunday, cannot get above re serve for the Manchester side.

SERVE TOT THE MAINTHESTET SIDE.

RESULTS: Plansas Pramier League: West Systems Surrey 0, Leokee Westh Wizards 5: UTC Cannons 3. Allsports Northern 2; Embessy Eoguston Prony 2, Village Leaure Hotels 3. League positions: Leokee Westh Wizards 5-40ns; UTC Cannons 49. Village Lessure Hotels 46, GT Supertings Abbeydate 28. Lamba Cub 25; Alsports Northern 15: Embessy Edgbaston Priory 14; West System Surrey 9,

FOOTBALL

Three goals mark memorable debut

Schools football by George Chesterton

Oratory three up in 15 minutes when they entertained Westminster, who came much more into the game after half-time when Worthington pulled a goal back. As Westminster threw everything into attack, Clarke broke through and scored his third goal in what was his first match at this level, to make the final tally 4-1.

Shrewsbury defeated Hailey bury, but only by the odd goal, cored early in the second half by Clark. The score might have been higher but for a dogged Haileybury defence.

Bank under-19 compeniion. went down 3-1 to Cadbury VIth Form College representing West Midlands. An own goal, after 20 minutes gave Cadbury College player with the Sunderland club the lead and Moore made it 2-0 in the 1970s, scrambled the

Two goals by Clarke and a foot crive. After the interval he scored again from 25 yards. Oswestry but they had to be

content with a consolation goal scored by Hawkins near the end. In the fifth round of the FSFA Trophy, draws were the order of the day. Hull and Doncaster drew with a goal apiece; Battersby put Doncaster ahead corner. Numeaton were glad to earn a second chance against Liverpool in a game which finished goalless while Sunderland did well to come back from two down against Manchester.

Oswestry, representing came from Randles and the Shropshire in the ESFA Barclays second from Butt who scored with a header. With only 10 minutes left Smith made it 2-1 and in the last minute Pitt, the son of Richie Pitt, a well-known

SPORTS LETTERS

Live football found lacking

From Mr Peter Clark Sir. Having read the first two parts of John Bromley's selfcongrammatory tome on televised sport (January 16 and 17), I can temper my fury no longer.

He is obviously proud of the fact that most football on tele-vision is now broadcast live. While he may view this as something of a triumph, to me it is a tragedy.

What we get is dozens of games, mainly featuring the some few teams (with token appearances by those outside the so-called "Big Five"), that in the main are about as exciting as ching the EastEnders omnibut on the other channel.

Football in this country is crying out for an intelligent, well presented programme of edited highlights. And I am not talking about Messrs Hill/Motson, Moons/Greaves etc. The average trapporter is more coher-ent, knowledgeable and less clickenidden than any of the aforementioned. A programme that is not afraid to take a position would also be nice — however remote the possibility

So what are we left with? Twenty-one live matches, mostly mediocre despite Brian Moore's best attempts to make them all seem like replays of Real Madrid v Eintracht Frankfurt, and the appelling Saint & wie. A football programme aimed at five-year-olds, and most of it is beneath them - the utiful Game turned into a snickering, backslapping

Yours faithfully, PETER CLARK 20s Brownlow Road, Finchley, N.3.

From Mr W.P. Goss

Immediate access

Sir, "Larry" Lamb (January 11) cites, in full measure, attributes and facilities characteristic of any discipline in medicane wor-thy of his claims to fame on behalf of the London Sports Medicine Institute, although uniqueness rather stretches a

However, among all this there is no indication of how those of us in the field can benefit by the immediate access (even Sat-inday night and Sunday morn-ins) which is often necessary for the foerdy diagnosis and resolu-tion of sports injury, and which by passes the usual referral and consequent delaying pro-

Yours faithfully, W.P. GOSS, Honory Scoretary.
Amateur Football Alliance,
55 honors fark Street, NI

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How rugby union stands in the sporting world Richmond ice Restricted classes required From the Secretary of the Rugby football, I am afraid be is an crass comparisons with rink threat

Football Union
Sir, It is difficult to fathom the reasons for John Goodbody's bizarre and gratuitously offen-sive anack on rugby football (End Column, January 12), which he describes as 20 years behind most amateur sports and even more behind professional

On reflection he may be right. We do not have violence on the terraces or even segregated crowds, there are no overpaid superstars, no spiralling transfer fees or extravagant sums on offer as prize-money, we do not have a drugs problem and we are not in serious financial straits or dependent on Sports Council handouts for our funding. We obviously have a long way to go.

What clearly sticks in Mr Goodbody's craw is the enormous public following for an amateur game not played for financial reward but for the sheer joy of it. He grudgingly sheer joy of it. He grudgingly mentioned the fact that Saturday's international at Twickenham could have been sold out four times over. Television
coverage has also been purchased from the RFU by 48
countries around the world. He
should know that the 1991 Rugby World Cup is in serious danger of being one of the largest sporing events ever held

He pours scorn on the recent tour by a Soviet team who only drew with Cornwall and lost their other four games. A mini-mum of research would have told him that like many other sports in the Soviet Union, rugby union has been held back and is now growing fast and. bless me, they don't play cricket at all! Our Soviet visitors made it clear they had come to learn. They were overwhelmed by the hospitality they received and enormously impressed by club facilities and après-match functions. There cannot be too many amateur sports in this country with 2,000 clubs, most of them

A sport which has enjoyment as its prime objective is beyond Mr Goodbody's comprehen-sion. As a writer about rugby

owning their own clubhouses

Unsporting pitch From Associate Professor L.J.M. Coorgy

Sir. The 1989 touring Austra-lians played against Derbyshire in the match prior to the first Test. The scores in the match were Australia 200 and 180 against Derbyshire 228 and 180. All innings were completed. The pitch prepared was a bad one. The Derbyshire bowlers bowled short all the time and many of the Australian batsmen were hit.

Allan Border in his book shes Ghor (page 62) quotes Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, as saying: "I freely admit we did not want a wicket here which would have given the Australians hours of batting practice just a few days before the first Test. I am an English-

Yours sincerely, DUDLEY WOOD,

Secretary,
Rugby Football Union,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
From the National Director of Sir, It was a pleasure to read John Goodbody's End Column (January 12) and see recognition

that volleyball is a worldwide sport played in all five conti-nents by 72,000,000 registered players belonging to 178 (not 171 as listed) affiliated Whilst volleyball is not yet regarded as a major sport in Britain, some of our major sports can only be described as

number of countries which play.

An Olympic sport since 1964
and world championships since 1956 underline volleyball as a universal sport. GEORGE BULMAN, National Director.

English Volleyball Association. 27 South Road. Nottingham. From Mr David E.J. Oatway Sir, John Goodbody's End Col-uma neither reflects the views of Times rugby writers nor an understanding of sport in gen-

eral, let alone rugby union.
To measure the "success" of any sport in terms of such pants, whether it is the "national achieved, is total nonsense.

Mr Goodbody also alluded to

the irrelevant topic of rugby's If rugby union is enjoyed by the socio-economically more fortunate, the comparative success of the sport should be viewed as even higher. This is not because of the social class of

the participants. If they are fortunate to be employed in careers that afford comparatively less time for training than either sports teachers or those unemployed. I would add my praise of the standards of athletic prowess achieved by so many participants, not try to denegrate, by

man and I did not see that as my

If an Australian state captain

had made a similar statement after England had played on a

similar pitch in the match

immediately before the Test match, the English team and the

English media would have made a big song and dance about the issue. They would have alleged that this was the depths of bad

The Test and County Cricket

Board should institute an in-

quiry into the matter to ensure

that there is no repetition of such rank bad sportsmanship.

sportsmanship.

Yours sincerely.
L.J.M. COORAY.

Associate Professor,

School of Law. Macquarie University.

professionals. Yours faithfully,

DAVID EL. OATWAY, 23 First Avenue, SW14. From Mr Adrian Carter Sir. Romania is a country

wrecked by civil dispute in the search for freedom from an oppressive regime. Many have lost their lives, including the captain and another member of the national rugby union squad. Aid is needed for the Romanian people and all efforts should be applauded and encouraged.

Romania is not at the heart of international rugby but to call their team second-rate would be churlish in view of their recent victory over Wales. Sussex is not at the heart of British rugby but at Hove a group of local rugby administrators saw a possibility to raise money for

the worthy Romania cause. The prospect: a game between the British Lions and Romania at Brighton and Hove Albion FC. The players were contacted; teams were assembled; accommodation, travel and sponsorship were arranged. The world's most respected referee offered

his services gladly.

Why then have the rugby authornes dismissed this fine effort in such a casual, high-handed manner?

When so many people in the lower echelons of our great sport commit so much unpaid time for the good of that sport and the lions throughout the world, why must our administrators at the top end always make the sport appear to be self-serving and

introspective? It is just as well that rugby folk are made of sturdy stuff, for they have to endure such arrogant nonsense from their headquarters that in a commercial context would have meant the "shop" closing long before now. Wake up at the top. Notice the workers for the game, spot the

opportunities to make rugby a force for good in the world. ADRIAN CARTER. (Former chairman, Eastbourne RFC), Orchard House, 55 Brassey Avenue. Hampden Park, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Oldest footballer From Mrs Jean Webb

Appleton's article (January 13) concerning the oldest pro-fessional footballer in England. My father, who played both for Brighton and Hove Albion and for Portsmouth, is 98 years old in October, still alive and in extremely good health. His name is Zillwood George

among his papers his contract with Portsmouth, dated May 10, 1922, at a wage of £4 per week plus the usual bonuses. Yours sincerely, JEAN Z. WEBB, The Barn. Bell Lane, Cocking. Nr Midhurst,

March and recently we found

From Ms Jean Ross Sir, Your article (January 13) on the proposed closure of the world famous Richmond ice rink is a good example of market forces prevailing.
A major sporting facility, used

by thousands, is to be sacrificed to the few able to afford the houses to be built on the riverside site, the local council baving failed to make sure that the property developers build another rink in its place. It is to be hoped that the Secretary of State for the Environment will call in the

plans before the nation shamed by losing part of its sporting heritage. Few other sports in this country can equal ice skating's tradition of world champions — John Curry, Robin Cousins, Torvill and Dean — all of whom trained or They are exceptions, of course, but it's a short sighted policy that neglects the nation's health, recreation and sporting

facilities in favour of monetary Yours faithfully, JEAN ROSS, 11 Dunstable Road,

Rethink required

From Mr D.S. Bishop

unnecessary squabbling be-tween the co-tenants of the Richmond Athletic Ground due to the apparent carelessness of the RFU fixtures committee in organising home league matches for Richmond and London Scottish on the same afternoon twice so far this season.

body to ensure that on the five Saturdays London Scottish are at home Richmond are away (and vice versa). If the Football League can do it for Seihurst Park fixtures (Charlton and Crystal Palace have been in different divisions in previous years) then surely Twickenham can follow suit. Cup matches are a different situation entirely. I would also question the wisdom of increasing the

leagues to 13 clubs each from next season. The only advantage seems to be an equal number of home and away games. There appear to be, however, some quite distinct disadvantages: a) Each week one team in each league will be without a game unless they can organise a

position (Welsh and Scottish leagues will probably be operat-ing on these Saturdays). b) During the season the teams will not all have played the same number of matches until the last Saturday - making league tables more difficult to

c) Two more Saturdays will be

friendly against one of the teams from another league in the same

required for league matches in an already crowded season. Yours faithfully, DAVID S. BISHOP, 32 Craignish Avenue, SW16.

understand.

From Mr Rob Humphreys

Sir, I have followed with interest the debate about the newlyformed Offshore Racing Maxi Association's plan for a one-design class for the Whithread Round the World Race. On the face of it the idea has some merit. It would reduce the cost of participation and would encourage close competition; together these produce a recipe

that encourages big fleets in many other areas of sailing. However, the Whitbread race is not just an everyday event. The size of the challenge facing the crew is matched only by the logistic challenge it presents those whose task is to organise a campaign. The Cape Horn of their activity comes at the beginning with the need to find the necessary finance in order to

be competitive. The commercial world can no longer justify benevolent sponsorship for something arguably as frivolous as yacht racing. The benefit to a sponsor can be enormous, but it has to be a proper commercial return in the form of media exposure. The as possible, and a fleet of identical yachts is not necessar-ily the best way to achieve this

Another element that helps may challenges to gain their financial footing is the ability to appeal to a nationalistic consciousness, an opportunity that would be denied them if they were compelled to buy their

Le Mans changes

From Mr Mark Cole Sir, Your report on the unfortunate political dispute over the future of the Le Mans 24 Hours race (January 11) carried a statement from FISA President Jean-Marie Balestre to the effect that 100 lives had been lost on the Mulsanne Straight in 35 years, 83 of them in an accident

This is totally incorrect. The accident involving spectators in 1955 occurred on the Pits Straight, when Mike Hawthorne slowed his Jaguar D-Type for the pits and Pierre Levegh's following Mercedes was launched over the back of it into the crowd. This accident led to the

immediate remodelling of the Pits and Pits Straight, and had no connection whatsoever with the 6.2km Mulsanne Straight on the opposite side of the circuit, which Balestre is trying to break up into short straights with chicanes on safety grounds. Many of the other fatalities

quoted were also on other parts of the circuit. The last fatal accident on the Mulsanne Straight - in 1986 - occurred just 200 metres on to the straight, at well below the 230mph-plus speeds about which Balestre is concerned. Yours faithfully,

MARK COLE,

boats off a production line from a particular boatbuilder in a

particular country. it also fills me with unease to think that crews embarking on this intimidating race would have little opportunity to in-fluence the design of their own craft in the largely personal areas of security and safety.

The ORMA proposal may be well intended, but it's going down the wrong track. The logical approach would be a couple of restricted classes, one large and one small, in which there would be a freedom of design and construction within certain tight constraints so that the performance characteristics and speed potential of the fleet were close enough to promise a good race.

But lest anyone should think that it needs only the adoption of the rules currently employed by the BOC Singlehanded Race, they should give consideration to Philippe Poupon's experience in the current single-handed Globe Challenge and reflect on what it must have flet like to sit on a capsized hull for a day, waiting for a friend to happen along. As occurred with the new America's Cup class there are designers out there would be willing to give of their thoughts.

Yours faithfully, ROB HUMPHREYS, Yacht Design Limited, Lymington Marina, Bath Road, Lymington, Hampshire.

Welcome reduction

From Mr K.C. Bass Sir. Now that Littlewoods have decided not to renew their sponsorship of the Football League Cup after the final in April 1990, would it be too contentious to suggest that the competition should be discontinued, and allow clubs to concentrate on the League and the FA Cup?

The managers of home international teams would probably welcome the reduction in the commitments of prospective international players, which would follow. Yours faithfully, K.C. BASS. 5 Arlington.

Woodside Park, N12.

Easier on the eye From Mr Philip Brownrigg

Sir, Would not darts on television be much improved for the viewer if the colours on the board were moved round so that the background of the 20 sector became light? It would then be much easier for the viewer to see on which side of the treble wire finished. I estimate that more than 60 per cent of throws in TV-class darts are aimed at treble 20.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP BROWNRIGG, Nr Reading, Berkshire.

Women get their deserts

Sir, Anita White, as Chair of the Women's Sports Foundation. asks (January 4) for your sports pages to give women's sports the "quality and quantity of coverage it ments". Your journalists would no doubt reply - were they not always inhibited by a fear of seeming racist and sexist that since most women achieve much lower standards than men, they actually receive greater amount of coverage

If Ms White directs her attention to sports in which men and women compete on level terms, she will find the sports pages full of admiration for Virginia Leng and Tracey Edwards's all-woman crew aboard Maiden. These are surely the sports to which the WSF should be encouraging so that tennis correspondents do not have to make copy about attractive teenage girls who would not be able to beat mediocre male players or the finger nails of female Olympic athletes who would not make a male club

However this protective attitude becomes infectious. In my sport of dinghy sarling, women have been competing on level terms with men for 60 years as long as they chose a boar which matched their physique Caro-line Foster bear all the men in the 470 Class and rightly went to the 1984 Olympic Games as our representative, winning one of the seven races. Now there is a special women's class excluding men. Even in chess, darts and snooker – games in which men can surely have no physical advantages - there are separate competitions for women. Why?

Seek out the sports where women can compete on level terms and let them have equal coverage, but don't expect it for less and only win titles by excluding men.

Yours faithfully, Rivelin, Hillside Road,

Pinner Hill, Middlesex,

Made in Romania From Mr Robert Barry

Sir. Radu Demian, interim secretary of the Romanian Rugby Federation, states (January 10) that, along with other problems facing Romanian rugby, "We can't afford to by boots and balls because we couldn't spend any hard currency."
Whilst not doubting the ob-

vious difficulties facing the ob-vious difficulties facing the Romanian rugby authorities, as regards obtaining items of kit. could someone please explain has recently purchased a pair of Adidas rugby boots bearing a label "Made in Romania." Yours faithfully ROBERT BARRY 11 Heathmount, Portstewart, Co Londonderry.

The Graf formula for world domination

Melbourne Tennis is, more obviously than most other sports, a battle for psychological domination. In a tight match, you can almost see The Force move from one player to 6-0, 6-0 matches seem to make another and back again. Players establish domination over importance of service in the each other in the course of a women's game is the real season or in the course of a reason for this: a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4

psychological domination of the entire tennis world: that is Graf's perfect scores. when tennis tends very much to go with form, and why good on the difference between the upsets are rare enough to be savoured so greedily. The different degrees of acceptance

able, it seems that women's error to theorize with data. deed. Certainly the number of whatever reason, Steffi Graf behind a girlish haircut. Her



that point. Perhaps the lesser win for a top man over a all. She concentrates. She player sanked 98 is unlikely to doesn't scream and yell. She sychological domination of be any closer than one of just hits tennis balls, and they

If men's tennis is predict- Holmes said, it is a capital

McEnroe style is

little comfort to

erratic Antonitsch

Sarah Loosemore, the sole

straight sets, she now meets

Sukova was more convinc-

small boy to ask if she was

Steffi Graf, it is by no means a

Loosemore proved here last

year that she could mix with

ver, before losing. On yesterday's evidence, she has

learnt the art of winning since

then. She won the last three

games of both sets, dropping a

total of three points in the

Translated, it meant: "Come

foregone conclusion.

John McEnroe gave another missing his passing shots. "He lesson on the centre court at showed every sign of being the Australian Open yes-confused," McEnroe said.

terday. The pupil this time McEnroe's next match is

was Alex Antonitsch, from against Dan Goldie, who beat Austria, a Davis Cup player, Jimmy Connors at Wimble-

who became so desperate at don last year on his way to the one point during his three-set quarter-finals. "It will be

defeat that he resorted to an much tougher from now on,"

failed dismally. Far from British survivor, will find the

upsetting the No. 4 seed, such same. Having beaten Elena audacity received his whole- Pampoulova, of Bulgaria, in

"I thought it wasn't a bad Helena Sukova, the No. 4

tactic and my prediction is seed, in the third round

going to work on it myself," he ing in her straight-sets win

said. only half-joking. Good over Natalia Medvedeva than

tactic or not, McEnroe won she has been in recent weeks,

the point to take a 5-2 lead in but if Loosemore can play

the second set and dominated with the same control and

the match so completely he aggression which caused a

More important for his the best, when she was a set

suspect stamina, at the age of and 3-1 up against Pam Shri-

his service, always the best process. She is also beginning

indicator of his well-being, is to feel at home; one cry of

working smoothly as are all encouragement was in Welsh.

underarm service. If the idea he added.

that we will see more guys tomorrow,

was to unsettle McEnroe, it

trying it in the future. I'm

won the first set in 18 minutes

and had the match wrapped

up an hour later, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

He has lost only eight games in

nearly 31, and for his chances

of winning his first Australian

Open, he has expended the

minimum of energy in reach-

ing the third round. Though

he has not been extended yet,

the other parts of his game.

settled. While both his oppo-

violations, McEnroe has kept

eerily calm, cocking his head

in question of a line judge's

call once or twice, but never

giving full vent to his anger.

There has so far been no

muttering, no bouncing of the

racket and no prowling. "I'm

in a comfort zone," he said,

which was more than could be

The big Austrian could do

little right, constantly overhitting his volleys and

said of Antonitsch.

Even his mind seems to be on, darling."

a greater extent than any of the tennis matches and to win the first round. Cunningham recent male number ones have dominated their own sport. Before her, the same thing could have been said of Martina Navratilova.

of Graf's perceived character. don't often come back.

In press conferences she most radiant smile, all the more so for being unexpected. computer rankings enhance of psychological domination. In fact, she could play the role and so on. But as Sherlock of the pretty media darling as well as any of them if she choose, but she prefers to hide It is still true that, for those rather fine blue eyes

Winning is an art both Jo

Durie and Shriver have never

quite mastered. Durie actually played some of her hest tennis

for many months in going down 6-4, 6-4, to Raffaella

Reggi, the No. 13 seed. She

just didn't quite play it at the

the first set at 4-4, she had

three game points for 5-4, but

lost the game and the set shortly after. In the second,

she had a point to take a 4-1

Provis. of Australia, seemed

particularly anxious to win her

match. The American served

for it at 6-5, lost the game and

then both players had chances

before Shriver, with much

relief, ended the agony by

from Anke Huber, aged 15,

from West Germany, who

unceremoniously disposed of

Elise Burgin, 12 years her senior, 6-2, 6-0. Not surpris-

ingly, Huber numbers

"aggressiveness" as one of her

Ivan Lendl, the No. 1 seed, came through comfortably against Tomas Carbonell and

now meets his fellow-Czech,

Karel Novacek, for a place in

the last 16 and Yannick Noah

had a brief and delightfully

acrobatic victory over Ronald

They could perhaps learn

winning the final set 9-7.

Neither Shriver nor Nicole

Having pulled back to level

right time.

dominates women's tennis to choice, it seems, is just to play called Carrie Cunningham in virtually all of them.

She is winning them, as

the Australian champion- taking a set from Graf was too ships. Yesterday there was much for her to cope with. Domination is the keynote what almost counts as an upset in a second round Graf She has not let many other match; she took more than an left him shaking his head in sides to her nature show, after hour to beat Erika Delone. all. She concentrates. She who is ranked 298th in the world. Graf dropped a total of playing with some guys for an three games as well and was rather inclined to criticize hits it quite intense. Thank herself for this largesse. "The God I have a serve, so I'll be laughs a little, and she has the two games in the second set all right!" shouldn't have been lost," she said firmly. "I was not sessions is famous in the concentrating for a few

> disgust here. She has also, of course, been 5-2 down in this tournament,

points." There was a little self-

might have done still better, but said that the realization usual, here at Flinders Park in that she was on the point of

> The other day Graf practised with Boris Becker, and admiration. They hit about for 25 minutes. "It was like hour or so," he said later. "She

> The intensity of her practice game. Sue Mappin, manager of the British women's team, has said that there is not a British girl capable of lasting ten minutes with Graf even in

sloppy in practice and who believe they are really practising intensely, and there are the intense ones who are really only practising for the sake of it: training to train rather than training to win. But there are some sports people whose

practice sessions awe their Steve Davis is one: he practises by seeking the mastery of the table, rather than for the fleeting satisfaction of potting balls. Geoffrey Boyeverything he has ever done. Peter Shilton leaves younger rivals for the England goal-

There are plenty who are he can't be bothered to dive. Graf is in this company. She goes for every ball. She is a marvel of intensity: a phenomenon of total psychologi-

cal domination. One wonders how much longer it can last. She remains as straightforward and as modest as she was as a teenage prodigy. How much else of her remains unchanged? Will she break out? Will she get fed up

Her dominance of the game is the fruit of her relationship cott is a legend of intensity in with her father; will there come a time when she no longer wishes to travel along that road? Whether such a keeping place gasping. In decision would make her hap-training he has a rule; to go for pier I cannot say: but one pier I cannot say: but one certainty is that an entire

He never lets a ball sail by generation of tennis players would cheer up no end.

because it's only practice and against a young American TOMMY HINDLEY

Power play: Sarah Loosemore, of Britain, during her impressive victory against Elena Pampoulova in Melbourne yesterday

Wimbledon date switch not fixed

chairman, has denied that the traditional start of the championships will definitely be out back a week from 1991.

It has long been suggested that there should be a bigger gap between the French Open and Wimbledon but Curry said that no formal talks had yet taken place with the other grand slam tournaments about the possibility of a change of date.

"We are always willing to consider changes that will make for a better tournament," Curry said. "But we have to establish men's and women's, want it to be changed and then we would need to see that it was feasible."

There seems little doubt that the move would be welcomed by the majority of players, who now have only two weeks to adapt from the clay of the French Open to the grass of Wimble-don John McEnroe has spoken often of the need to have more time to prepare between the two tournaments and he will be supported by the Wimbledon champion, Boris Becker, and ivan Lendi, among others.

"If Wimbledon was big enough to move their tour-nament I think it would be a fantastic thing and it would certainly find favour with the players. There's no doubt about that," Tony Pickard, coach of Stefan Edberg, said. If the championships were to be put back in 1991, they would start

The main danger for both the French Open and Wimbledon, if the dates stay the same as they are now, is that the leading players will become increasingly reluctant to play both. This year, Ivan Lendl has said that he will not play at Roland Garros so that he can concentrate on his

If Queen's and the Manchester Trophy tournaments stay as they are this year, there would be a week free for practice or exhibitious in the week before Wimbledon. But the one big obstacle to the change is apparently the BBC, which will have a week less to get its technical equipment moved from Wimbledon to the venue of the Open Championship of golf.

Official resigns on Durie listing By Barry Wood

Georgina Clark, a member of the ranking committee, has resigned in protest because the Lawn Tennis Association overturned the committee's recommendation to make Jo Durie, the British No. 1 this year. Clark, who is the director of European operations for the Women's International Tennis Association, was so disgusted at

the LTA's insistence on placing California-based Monique Javer above Durie that she no loneer wants to play a part in the Although Javer was listed ces above *Du*

WITA rankings, Clark believes she should not even have been 'As far as we were concerned we did go by the rankings list of the WITA, but when I consid-

ered the rankings I was including only players who offered themselves for selection for their country," she said.

"It never crossed my mind to rank someone who doesn't play for their country. Up to now, the advice of the ranking committee has always been accepted. If the LTA management committee decides for itself who is number one then there is no point." Javer asked not to be considered for the Federation Cup and Wightman Cup last year after a series of disagreements with national team manager Sue Mappin - who also voted for

Durie. Javer alleges that things came to a head at Birmingham last June when there was a big row with Mappin over a doubles

The entire episode further underlines the rift that exists between Javer and many of the grown together as colleagues since their junior days, find it difficult to accept an "outsider"

Javer about her teammates, and her moody behaviour at some team events - perhaps caused by training and culture dif-ferences - have not improved

Wekesa ban lifted Nairobi (Reuter) - Kenya has lifted a ban on Paul Wekesa, its leading tennis player, for play-ing against a South African.

England led to safety by fourth-wicket pair

By a Special Correspondent England 217 minutes to get the

between Australia and England ended in a draw at North Sydney Oval vesterday, with England finding a target of 312 too stiff to contemplate seri-ously after making a bad start to

their second innings.
It might have been attainable if two of the top four batsmen

Thereafter, sensible batting by Crawley, for the second time in the match, and Butler saw England through to the close of play at 145 for three without further alarm.

Australia who been the day

with a lead of 188 and nine second-innings wickets in hand, needed to score quickly and did so, adding 119 runs in the morning session, Young (65) and Martin, who finished unbeaten with 71, setting a lively

bowled steadily and captured five wickets - three to the persevering Hallett and two to Gough - which gave both five wickets in the match.

The declaration, at 220 for six, came after one over had

against India beginning on February 2, the chairman of selec-Don Neely, said yesterday.

Despite making good progess in the past two weeks from an operation in December on his Achilles tendon, Hadlee needed

Test, it would seem that the teams are very well matched, both having some able players in the top half of the order.

Extras (b 3, to 8, w 1, nb 2)...

Total (6 wide dec) _______220 G G Cottrell, S Oliver and W J Adlam Gd not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-139, 3-153, 4181, 5-205, 6-205,
BOWLING: Gough 18-2-51-2; Robson 187-40-0; Butler 17-2-49-0; Hellett 16-3-543; Barnett 2-0-15-0.
ENGLAND YOUNG CRICKETERS: 319 (P
A Grayson 110. J P Crawley 52),
Second funnings
P A Grayson b Adlam 13
F C I, Hollowey c Fraser b Adlam 2
J P Crawley not out 444

Extras (b 8, lb 4, nb 4). Total 3 wkts) 145 TW M Noon, D Gough, J D Bath, J C Bett, A A Barnett and A Robson did not

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-22, 3-42 80WLING: Cottrell 4-1-8-0; Oliver 9-1-23-0; Adiam 11-3-20-2; Gelhan 9-2-20-0; Mann 7-1-14-1; Yowles 3-0-5-0; Frager 5-1-11-0; Harper 5-0-17-0.

come from being a walking

stick-type person two weeks ago

to playing a leading role in a test

Hadlee shows caution "You would be asking him to

Wellington, (Reuter) - Richard Hadlee, the fast bowler, will not be fit for the first Test match tors for the New Zealand team.

match - he has to have some games under his belt first."

> Lankans failed to build on a promising start and were dismissed for 234 by an Australian Country XI on the first day of their three-day match yesterday (Reuter reports). At the close, the Australian Country side, who lost to the Sri Lankans by

still on the increase



COMMONWEALTH

GAMES

A popular

pastime

The Commonwealth begin in Auckland, New Zea-land, next Thursday. The Times is previewing each of the 10 medal sports. Today: shooting

Shooting was not admitted to the Commonwealth Games until 1966, and then only with five events, but has now become one of the more popular sports. A total of 321 competitors, from 27 countries, have arrived in Auckland to compete in 11 events this year.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada have the biggest teams with 20 each, England have 19 with 20 cach, England have 19 and India 18. Scotland have a strong 14, with smaller groups of British challengers from Wales, Guernsey, Jersey and Northern

The shooting programme has varied over the years but has contained 10 events since 1982. The extra one this time is because the New Zealanders were particularly keen to include the new air fifle running

target match.

They had proposed to drop the popular rapid-fire pistol event to make way for it. This brought widespread complaints, so the solution was 11 events, but only five countries have

entered the new one.

It is a type of shooting mainly concentrated in New Zealand and the Scandinavian countries, although England has two lead-ing contenders, David Chap-man and John Madison, who are good medal prospects.

In any case, there may be important changes in the shooting programme after Auckland. So far, all shooting events have been open to both men and women, but there is a proposal to follow the example of swimming and athletics with separate

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contests for womer. If this is approved, future host countries will have the option of sticking to the 10 open events, or adding another five for women, making some of the "open" events for men only. The first medal shoot in

Auckland will be the full-bore rifle pairs on January 25, in which England's hopes for a gold start rest with Andrew Tucker and Simon Belither. both former winners of the Bisley Grand Aggregate against Commonwealth opposition.

Arthur Clarke and Jim Scobie, of Scotland, and the father and son, Cliff and Colin Mallett, from Jersey, also have Games experience - in Clarke's case, the individual gold at

Brisbane. Others to watch are the double Olympic champion, Malcolm Cooper, in free rifle, and his Seoul runner-up, Alister Allan, who is shooting smallbore three positions and air rifle for Scotland.

Lowe could take the free pistos: pairs for England, and a promising newcomer is last year's British air rifle champion, Chris Hector, aged 20, the youngest member of the England team. England led the medal table in Edinburgh in 1986, with eight gold, four silver and three bronze medals, one more than Canada and Australia John

White, the team manager, says he hopes to do even better this COLOMBO: A Sri Lankan woman rifle champion was shot dead here by her boyfriend as she was about to leave for the Soe was about to mave for use Commonwealth Games, Sri Lankan officials said yesterday (AFP reports). Lieutenant Priyani Kumarage, aged 24, was shot through the head near the same of cours headquarters.

women's corps headquarters.
Officials said that, minutes later, her fiance, a police sub-inspector, shot himself with a pistol. He was described as in a 'serious" condition. Local Press reports said the couple had had heated argument before she

was shot. Kumarage had been a member of the national women's shooting team, and had won presidential awards for her accuracy with a .22 rifle.

Walker's woe after being hurt by horse

Hamilton (Reuter) — John Walker, the former Olympic 1.500 metres champion, was yesterday forced to pull out of a Commonwealth Games warmup meeting after being kicked on the ankle by a horse. Walker, of New Zealand, had

been due to race against Peter Elliott, of England, the Olympic silver medal winner, over 1,000 £ metres at the Porritt Stadium here. But the duel failed to materialize after Walker injured his left Achilles tendon when he was kicked while on a visit to a horse sale.

However, he still hopes to be fit to compete in both the 800 and 1.500 metres in Auckland.
"I should be OK," Walker said. "I tried to warm up, but it was too painful and I couldn't do anything. An injury to the same tendon, when he was spiked at a race in Gateshead

kept Walker out of the Seoul Olympics 16 months ago. Elliott went on to set a New Zealand all-comers' record, and a personal best, with his winning time of 2min 16.30sec. Paced by local runner, John Goodwin. in around 53 seconds for the first lap. Elliott had to battle with strong winds. But he kept his promise to break the 26-year-old New Zealand record of

● MBABANE: Swaziland will not compete in the Common-wealth Games because of financial problems (Reuter reports).

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Zambia seeks English umpire's expert help

By Louise Taylor

A leading English netball um-pire can look forward to spend-ing March in Zambia, after an invitation from the Africans to Australia to visit, and they could improve the sport in their

The job will fall to an established international umpire. "We will be inviting six or so to apply." Liz Nicholl, the chief executive of the All England Netball Association (AENA),

"Helping the Zambians will be a challenging experience. Whoever goes will be very much on their own and will need to be

The West Indies have accepted an AENA proposal that they tour England in November 1991. It will be their second tour, following one in 1987, which resulted in two wins and a Repeat performances are, as

Nicholl put it: "A very exciting spent recuperating from knee prospect. The West Indians are

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Aston Vita: Notingham Forest v Otcham (7.0). Second division: Stoke City v Sunderland (7.0); Middleg-brough v Port Vale (7.0).

RUGBY LINION STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales v France (at Cardill Arms Park, 7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Keighley v Doncaster (7.30).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Courage League: Derby v Kingston (8.0).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 8-10em, 2.15-4.15 and 7.30-9.30pm; BASKETBALL: Highlights from the Euro-pean club circuit. peem cust circuit.

BOXING: Screensport 12.45-2.15pm: Top Rank event from the United States.

CURLING: Europport 2-3 and 6-5pm: Highlights of the Moneton States tournement from New Brunswick, Canada.

FOOTBALL: Screenaport 4.15-8pm and 10.45pm-12.18am: Spanish League Ovisdo v Real Madrid, and tootball from

FCRD SNOW REPORT: Eurosport 9-9.05pm. QCLF: Screensport 10-11.20am; United States PGA: Highlights of the Mony tournament of champions: Eurosport 3-Spr: Highlights of the United States Skins tournament.

Australia to visit, and they could

be joined by a university side.

The majority of the senior England players who will face Australia will have graduated

from one of the six centres of

excellence around the country -

at Crystal Palace, Bedford, Cov-

entry, Nottingham, Manchester

The AENA is presently seek-

ing a sponsor for the six centres.

following the withdrawal of Evian after two years of support.

The senior England squad met for a training session at

Birmingham last weekend, but

from Kent who was injured.

Wendy Toogood returned to the England 14 for the first time

after one year out of action,

and Darlington.

ICE SKATING: Screensport 12.15-1.30er (tomorrow): Highlights of the Skate America Men's competition.

MOTOR CYCLING: Eurosport 7-8pm: Havec 9: Coverage of motorcycle crasties: MOBIL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport 6-6.30cm.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 6-7,30pm Highlights of Wigen v Sheffield Engles. SNOOKER: Eurosport 12-1pm and 12-1am (tomorrow): Highlights of the United

SPAIN SPORT: Screensport 11.30-11.45am. BUNIO WRESTLING: C4 11,45pm SURFING: Eurosport 6.30-7pm: Surfe TENNIS: Eurosport 9-11am, 5-6 and 9.05

slopes and only green pastures over most of the ski areas. Only UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm. WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screenspor six ski lifts of the 20 in the area are working and the warm front resting over the Alps could mean

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: M
Pernfors (Swe) bt S Bruguera (Sp. 6-4, 6-3
3, 1-6, 6-4; K Novacok (Cz) bt E
Winogradsky (Fr), 6-4, 6-1, 4-8, 6-5; S Youl
(Aus) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-4, 7-8, 6-0; M
Stich (WG) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-4, 6-4, 2-0,
retired: H Leconta (Fr) bt P Korda (Cz), 62, 4-6, 6-3, 8-4; P Sampras (JS) bt J
Arrese (So), 0-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; A
Cherkasov (JSSR) bt B Layendecter
(US), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-0; T Woodbridge
(Aus) bt CPistolesi (ti), 6-3, 6-2; B-2; Llendi
(Cz) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; T
Muster (Austrie) bt C van Rensburg (SA),
1-6, 7-5, 7-5, 2-6, 8-6; J Fleurian (Fr) bt A
Volkov (USSR), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 2-6, 8-2; D
Goldie (US) bt N Persiar (Ven), 6-2, 6-4, 63; A Gomes (Ec) bt Boresar (Yug), 6-4, 63; A Gomes (Ec) bt Boresar (Yug), 6-4, 66-3, 6-2; P Striver (US), 6-4, 66-3, 6-2; J McEnroe (US) bt A Amonitisch
(Austrie), 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; G Bloom (Isr) bt C WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: S Loosemore (GB) to E Pampoulova (Gu), 6-3, 6-3; N Jagerman (Neth) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 6-1, 6-2; R McCullan (Aus) bt K Sharpe (Aus), 8-3, 6-0; S Graf (WG) bt Ed Lone (US), 8-1, 6-2; A Huber (WG) bt E Burgin (US), 6-2, 6-1; S mylie (Aus) bt B Reinstadior (Austria), 6-2, 6-4; K Date (Japan) bt B Schultz (Neth), 7-5, 7-6; H Sukora (CC) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-2, 6-1; H Kelesi (Can) bt S Meier (WG), 6-2, 8-4; K Maleeva (Bu) bt K McDonald (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; R Reggi (ff), bt J Duris (GB), 6-4, 6-4; P Fendick (USSR) bt A Keller (US), 6-2, 6-4; L Meshid (USSR) bt C Danimann (Swe), 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt N Provis (Aus), 1-6, 6-2, 9-7; B Paulus (Austria) bt N Milyagi (Japan), 7-6, 4-6, 6-0.

SKIING

Rising temperatures lower Hahnenkamm prospects

won in three consecutive years between 1975 and 1977 but will

be remembered most for his

1984 victory, regarded as the best downhill run ever. Todd

Brooker, of Canada, scored his first downhill points on the

Kitzbühel course with a win in

into the finish straight. It ended

his career. Last year Brian Stemmle, a fellow-Canadian,

Steilhang section of the course. Although partially recovered, he

will not return to downhill

most racers who have won on

the course acknowledge a

Hahnenkamm victory as more

important than a world champ-

ionship or Olympic gold.

The winner of the first

Hahnenkamm race, organized

ilmost died after a crash on the

Four years later he fell coming

From Ray Robinson, Kitzbühel midday yesterday was 12° C, If This weekend, Kitzhühel, in the

Tyrol region of Austria, plans to host the fiftieth anniversary of the unseasonal weather con-tinues the race will be cancelled the downhill race universally regarded as the most physically demanding and dangerous in World Cup sking. Plans, that is, for only the second time.
But doubts about this year's racing cannot take away the mystique surrounding the Hahnenkamm - the event that has created legends and destroyed careers.
Franz Klammer, of Austria.

if the weather obliges.

Above-freezing temperatures and rain this week have forced the organizers to import thousands of tons of snow and to bombard the slopes with snow cannons, making it the most expensive race ever held. After a jury inspection of the Hahnenkamm course yesterday morning, the verdict was that the race could not be held in its established format. The consensus is that the race organize will announce the running of

two shortened downhill races with a combined time to decide the winner. The revised downhill would be run on the women's supergiant course and it would be the first time in Kitzbuhel's history that such a decision would b taken. The revised course would not include the two technical sections which have made the Hahnenkamm famous, the Mausfalle and the Steilhang, the

most dangerous turn in World Kitzbuhel is enjoying spring reather, with temperatures in the downhill start area of 8° C. In the village the temperature at

The European snow drought has Robinson writes). Next week's scheduled downhill on the Lauberhorn course in Wengen, Switzerland, has been cancelled ive to lack of snow. The Lauberhorn is one of the classic races, considered second in tech-nical difficulty to the

Wengen has suffered badly

rom the snow drought with less

than 5cm of snow on the upper

The Wengen race has been transferred to another snowstarved resort, Val d'Isère, in France, which will best two men's downhill races and a men's super-giant slalom. The Val d'Isere course is made completely of artificial snow, the technology which has saved many ski resorts from financial

by the Kitzbuhel Ski Club in 1930, was Georg Berger, from the town, who completed the course in a time of 12min **Lauberhorn race move** all its lifts until snow arrives.

> The two downhills are the one transferred from Val d'Isère at

the start of the season and the

was due to be beld on January 6.

28.6sec. The following year, on a redesigned course which avoided a cross-country link and the need to sidestep the steep sections, F. Friedensbacher cropped the time set by Berger by more than eight minutes, finishing in a time of

In 1937, Evelyn Pinching, of Britain, won the women's event, the only British victory in the 0-year history of the race. By 1950 advances in ski equipment and better piste preparation had reduced finish times by more than one and a half minutes. Fritz Huber, of the Kitzbühel Ski Club, finished the 1950 race in a time of 3min 4sec. Ten years later Adrien Duvillard, of France, finished in just under 2½ minutes on skis with the innovation of metal

Throughout the 1970s speeds increased until, in 1982, Harti Weirather, of Austria set a course record of 1 min 57.20sec,

the early 1980s. Read won in 1980, Podborski in both 1881 and 1982, and Brooker in 1983. The next year saw the triumphant return of Klammer after a four-year full. The run was the best of his career and one of the most memorable in World Cup history. Pirmin Zurbriggen dominated the race in 1985 with

Last year's winner was Daniel Mahrer, of Switzerland, and, on form, he is favourite this What makes this downhill race unique is a combination of factors. The private ownership of land on which the race is run does not allow for alterations to the course in terms of modern

by the Federation Internationale de Ski as marginal. But above all, the event ha the pedigree; it is the race all downhillers want to win.

downhill safety requirements,

the Hahnenkamm is regarded

The first youth Test match

had been able to play a big innings. As it was, Grayson, the first-innings century-maker. Holloway and Keech had been dismissed by the time 42 runs were on the board.

Australia, who began the day

a time yet to be bettered. Nevertheless, England Ken Read, Steve Podborski and Todd Brooker, of Canada, the "Crazy Kanuks", dominated

wins on consecutive days, a feat repeated by Peter Wirnsberger, of Austria, the following year.

> some first-class cricket to reach Test match fitness. Neely said. number of Test wickets declined an invitation to play in the New Zealand Cricket Council President's Xi four-day match against India beginning on Monday, Necley was dubious Hadlee would even be fit for the econd Test starting on Feb-

TEAR: M Snedden (captain), T Franklin, K Westleans, K Rutherford, M Douglas, G Larsen, S Thomson, A Parory, G Bredburn, M Richardson, J Millmow. Tweltin man: P Unwin. **OBENDIGO:** The touring Sti

14 runs in 1988, were 15 without loss in reply.

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Stamina test ideal for Royal Athlete

premium at Newton Abbot today when two of the six races are run over 34 miles.

One young horse who should be in his element, however, is the Jenny Pitmantrained Royal Athlete, who locks a fine prospect for the Sun Alliance Chase at the Chekenham festival in March.

Royal Athlete won at the rewarding odds of 33-1 over today's distance when gamely Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot iast month.

Mrs Pitman then sent the the time at Leicester last Tuesday. Despite jumping warmed to his task on the final circuit and stayed on strongly to beat Randolph Crescent by 10 lengths.

That was an encouraging performance and he should carry too many guns for Last House, who won over the course and distance, also last Tuesday, and Martin Pipe's Redally, beaten in a selling handicap chase at the same meeting.

No matter how Redaily fares. Pipe should make his presence felt by claiming four

The prevailing heavy ground will ensure that stamina is at a kick off with Silver King in the first division of the Darracombe Novices' Hurdle. The four-year-old nearly made all on his hurdling debut at Newbury last month but was caught in the closing stages by Star Of The Glen and went under by three-quarters of a

length, A reproduction of that form should enable him to beat the year-older Miriyoun, who was a creditable fourth behind pegging back Mrs Muck in the Steppey Lane at Haydock earlier this month.

Pipe has an interesting representative in Kalshan for seven-year-old over fences for the second division of the novice hurdle. This six-yearold has had only one previous stickity in the early stages, he outing over hurdles and that was last season, at Folkestone, when trained by Frank Durr. He was in the lead and going well before falling two out, leaving Nice Dynasty to collect the spoils.

Kalshan was originally trained on the Flat by Michael Stoute for the Aga Khan but failed to fulfil his early threeyear-old potential, after making an impressive debut with a seven-length victory in a Ripon maiden event.

The best of his opponents today are likely to be Plau-sible, who failed to quicken

when numer-up to Webbs Wonder at Warwick last month, and Akdam, another with worthwhile form on the Flat. But this looks a fine opportunity for Kalshan to open his hurdling account, and he is my nap.

Pipe should also collect the moderate Knowles Hill Juvenile Selling Hurdle with Tres Sportif, while his Rein De Tont, rested after a successful early-season campaign which included three consecutive victories, is just preferred to Duckhaven in the Holbeam Handicap Hurdle.

Upper Lambourn trainer Charlie Nelson produced Sir Rufus to win an 11-furlong handicap by six lengths at Southwell's all-weather Flat meeting last week, and this useful four-year-old looks good value to defy a 5lb penalty at Lingfield Park this afternoon. Ben Hanbury's Jacamar has

aiready shown his ability to act on the Equitrack surface and, despite the presence of Dai Burchell's dual winner, Times Are Hard, can continue the good work in the Farmanagh Handicap.

Lurking, trained by William Hastings-Bass, can get off the mark in the Tyrone Maiden



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2.45 WOLBOROUGH NOVICES CHASE (£2,866: 3m 2f 100yd) (11 runners)

BETTING: 4-5 Royal Athlete, 5-2 Last House, 6-1 Shipuright, 8-1 Redelly, 12-1 Celtic Capri, 20-1 Duka theon, 33-1 others.

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S)-US CELTIE CHART 8 (J. COYC) J. COYK 11-10-12.

PD9/P CLYFFE HAZE 17 (J. DAVIS) J. Bellon B-10-12.

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PC90/P GEORGIAN BAY 13 (S) (I. Wormer) B. Stevens 10-10-12.

P0/PU GOLDEN CZY 20 (B) (R. Allen) C. Pophern 9-10-12.

SDUOP/ MANCRESTERSKYTRAIN 217F (P. Bourdich) Mrs C. Burid 11-10-12.

2P2 REDALLY 9 (V) (Miss H. Pongelly) M. Pipe 7-10-12.

68-1021 LAST HOUSE 9 (CD,F,Q,S) (Mrs M. Easton) Mrs M. Easton 7-10-11.

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections By Mandarin

I.15 Silver King. 1.45 Super Express. 2.15 Tres Sportif.

2.45 Royal Athlete. 3.15 KALSHAN (nap). 3.45 Rein De Tout.

By Michael Seely 1.15 Silver King. 2.45 ROYAL ATHLETE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 2.45 LAST HOUSE

1.15 DARRACOMBE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 21,576: 2m 150yd) (9 runners)

0 AUTUMN GOLD 20 (Mrs B Cittine) D Barons 5-11-4 S Earle P ELVER PANTO 23 (J Cort) J Cork 6-11-4...... 24 MRIYOUN 13 (Mrs P Fout) C Brooks 5-11-4..... BETTING: 6-4 Sever King, 7-4 Mirlyoun, 5-1 Pontervenchio Notie, 8-1 Punchbeg, 12-1 Autumn Gold, 16-1 Carpe Diem, 23-1 others.

1988: LANDSKI 6-11-1 R Durw roody (25-1) J Jenkins 15 ran

FORM FOCUS MIRRYOUN promis-ing 81 2nd of 20 to Pseusas Pet on Haydock (2nn, good to soft) debut-late 614 4th to Steppey Lane over same course and disence (4018). PONTEVECCHIO HOTTE useful middle-distance seriormer on Fist, including creatizable 41 5th of 17 to

Stratford Ponds at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, firm) PUNCHEAG best Krypton Knight by an easy 15t in a Devon (2m 1f, soft seler latest. SEVER KING, a winner on the Flat in France, mistake last an headed close home when 1st 2nd to Star Of The Gler at Newbury (2m 100yd, good). Likely to improve. Selection: SiLVER KING

1.45 CHIPLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,472: 2m 150yd) (6

1 33222 SROAD BEAK 6 (D.F.O.5) (G Webb) P Hobbs 10-12-0
2 3-MOSS SUPER EXPRESS 17 (B.CD.O.5) (S Webbm) D Barons 8-11-5 ...
3 03-SPSP BUTLERS PET 17 (CD.F.O.5) (Ris J Hicks) T Hailest 11-11-2 ...
4 UL-POR WINDLESS IL 9 (D.S) (J Payne) J Payne 10-10-2 ...
5 30(3FS- BUBROOK 287 (E Jones) G Ham 8-10-1 ...
8 EXINDLE AND THE STATE J J Sheeps 12-10-0 Long handlesp: Arctic Mariner 9-8.

BETTING: 5-4 Broad Beam, 2-1 Super Express, 6-1 Butiers Pet, 6-1 Sibrook, 16-1 Wimblebell Arctic Mariner.

-1990: HOPE COVE 7-12-0 N Hawke (10-11 fav) D Barons 5 ran Super EXPRESS, tried at various trips this term, agrees in distance after weakening 4 out when 14%!
Sh to Hope Diamond at Davon (2m 3f, soft) latest

Selection: BROAD BEAM

FORM FOCUS BROAD BEAM holds with WIMBLEBALL a distant 6th and BUTLERS PET pulled up.

Taunton (2m 110)rd, soft maning last monitic one-paced 11/2 2nd to The Welder at Ascot (2m, good) test week. Bit BROOK is 's 3 nd to Galic Prince here (2m 5t, beavy) last week. Bit BROOK is 's 3 nd to Galic Prince here (2m 5t, act) lest February but tailed to complete on two starts subsequently.

2.15 KNOWLES HILL JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,632: 2m 150yd) (10

.... D Metthews (7) SETTING: 5-2 Tree Sports, 3-1 Nums Jewsl, 7-2 Musical Moments, 6-1 Deercal Dencer, 8-1 Old Deer k, 16-1 Taskalady, 16-1 others.

1989: YAMBU 4-10-7 R Durwoody (7-4 lav) J Jankins) 12 ran

FORM FOCUS OLD DEER PARK prediction 17%! 4th to grave and the useful Regal Lake at Tauriton (2m 110yd, sort) on presultiness start with IMISS ICLPATRICK pulsed by 34! 10 to Milmest in this grade at Chepatow Lindy at Uttourier (2m 4!, good to firm) less month. TASKALADY, a whining place for it. TASKALADY at whining place in the Fall. 4! I Sht to Punching at Devon (2m 1f. sort). TRES SPORTIF weakened quickly when a distant 3rd to Waverley working. Selection: OLD DEER PARK (nap)

2.30 Jacamar.

LINGFIELD PARK

TRAINERS

Selections By Mandarin

1.00 Noble Soul. L.30 Swing North. 2.00 Lurking.

Michael Soely's selection: 3.30 Sir Rufus.

Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers best Going: standard 1.0 ARMAGH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,660: 71) (4 runners) 1 (1) 1900-4 GREAT SERVICE 7 (8) (J Hunt) Ronald Thompson 9-7 R P Eliott 2 (3) 8-1 MORLE SOLE, 14 (C) (Saven Bartows Racing) P Walvyn 9-4 G Carter 3 (2) 48-1 TROJAN GENERAL 14 (CD) (S Lee) D Murray Smith 9-4 R Wembars 1 (6) 6-1 PSYCHO SONNY 12 (2) (Racing Telegraph) C Allen 8-11 R Membars 9 SETTINOR 7-4 Noble Soul, 2-1 Psycho Sonny, 3-1 Trojan General, 4-1 Great Service. 1949: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

1.30 ANTRIM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: \$2,280: 61) (9 runners)

ME 2-1 Sering North, 11-4 Royal Brink, 4-1 Yukosan, 5-1 Blazing Sumert, 7-1 Shrit Surprise, 14-1 2.0 TYRONE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,384; 71) (8 numers) (5) 202- DR MACCARTER 35 (B) (Tendown Ltd) W O'Gormen 9-9
(d) KERRY BOY (A Paler) M Tompkins 9-0
(f) KERRY BOY (A Paler) M Tompkins 9-0
(f) KONTYPELER LAD (Sir Michael Sandberg) W Hastings-Bass 9-0
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Live commentary

Hemoree 20f et Cheitenham (3m, good). REDALLY 61 2nd of 14 to Annette's Delight in a Newton Abbot seller (2m 150)d, heavy). LAST HOUSE seally best Yiregen 20f over this course and distance (heavy) last time with CSLTIC CAPRII (4th better off) 40f 5th. Selection: LAST HOUSE FORM FOCUS ROYAL ATHLETE best Randolph Crescent 101 at Lelcester (3m, good) on chating debut; earlier proved himself a gmart hunder when beating Mrs Muck 31 in the Long Walk Hundle at Ascot (3m) 3.15 DARRACOMBE NOVICES HURDLE (Div | 1: £1,562: 2m 150yd) (13 runners) B Powell D Gellagher J Shortt Freet ل PETTRICE 7-4 Kelshan, 9-4 Pleusible, 4-1 Akdam, 8-1 Golden Sound, 12-1 Marsh Mink, 14-1 Bright mar, 16-1 Sporting idol, 20-1 others. 1989: URIZEN 4-10-7 8 Powell (1-2 fav) D Elsworth 15 ran FORM FOCUS OCLDEN SCHNO 351
at Wincenton (2m, good). KALSHAN going well in
lead when fell 3 out in race won by Nice Dynasty at
Folkestone (2m 100yd, good to soft).
PLAUSBELE 21 2nd of 23 to Webos Wonder at
Warwick (2m, good). Likely to improve. MARSH MINK over 2219th of 18 to Egypt MR at Towcester (2m, good) on his first start for more than 18 months. AKDAM takiny smart performer on Piez, including 9% 4th of 7 to Drum Taps in a Newcastle handicap (1m 21 40yd, good). 3.45 HOLBEAM HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,052: 3m 2f 110yd) (15 runners) Long bendicap: Terra Di Sione 9-12, Ravelston 9-1, Indian Surprise 8-9, Cotehele 8-8.
9ETTMG: 7-2 Rain De Tout, 5-1 Statichio Boy, 6-1 Duckhaven, 7-1 Meziara, 8-1 Terra Di Siona, 1 Sexton Ash, 12-1 Mister Boot, 14-1 Cima, 18-1 others. 1989: STOCKSIGN 8-9-7 Miss K Darley (10-1) B Key 18 ran FORM FOCUS MISTER BOOT put up best effort on penultimate start when 84 4th of 12 to Miss Nero at Bangor (3m, soft).

MEZIARA 151 2nd of 7 to Calabrase at Chalanham (3m, good to firm). DUCKMAYEN 301 2nd of 8 to Brompton Road at Bangor (3m, soft) previously better effort when 1254 3rd of 8 to Nechochea at Newbury (3m 120yd, good).

REIN DE TOUT has been chasing; last time 151 2nd of 3 to Pleated at Uttoxstar (3m 21, good to firm).

Selection: DUCKMAYEN 301.2nd cl 8 to Pleated at Uttoxstar (3m 21, good to firm).

Course specialists

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0 ... Racecard number. Six-figure form (F - fell. P- patied up. U - unsested rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. (F - firm. good to firm. hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last outing: Fit list. (B - blinkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider yourser. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating. 2.30 FERMANAGH HANDICAP (£2,924: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

| 22 | S1022 | SNEEZED WELL 35 (F,G) (Nrs S Homewood) C Allen 4-10-0 | M December (7) |
| (6) | 4512-21 | JACAMAR 9 (CD,F) (O Zimewi) B Hanbury 4-9-1 (Sex) | P Blocefield (9) 01-4422 | SEECHWOOD COTTAGE 5 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) A Balloy 7-8-5 | Wendy Burdon (7) (1) 0000,00- Freehalt FREESE 280 (5) (Ass. L May) 1 Czerpek 4-8-0 | H Howe (5) 000080- REALISM 35 (F,S) (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 5-7-13 | T Williams (9) 693/2-11 TMRS ARE HARD 5 (CD) (E Williams) D Burchell 8-7-8 (Sex) | M Adems (6) 6963-1-8 AMPONTEUR 14 (CD) (R Alcock) C C Bassy 4-7-7 | N Adems (7) 000300- QREAT HAND 100 (T M S Ritey-Smith) D Wilson 4-7-7 | Denn Mellor (5) (8) 00-0 SAFARI KREPÉR 72 (Mrs T Lardier) M Wildinson 4-7-7 | G Bardwell (7) N Control of the Second C C Sarak Hand 7-4 Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Bardwell (7) | G Sarak Hand 7-4 Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Bardwell (7) | G Sarak Hand 7-4 Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | G Safat Hand 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | Safat Keeper 7-4 | Sa

SETTING: 5-2 Jaconner, 3-1 Times Are Hard, 7-2 Beechwood Cottage, 5-1 Great hand, 8-1 Breezed Well, 12-1 Rapporteur, 14-1 others.

3.0 LONDONDERRY HANDICAP (£2,406: 2m) (12 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Silics Domino, 4-1 Guitene, 5-1 Friendly Coast, 6-1 Sulvez Moi, 7-1 Sing The Blues, 6-1 stary Resper, Toscana, 12-1 Brown Rulle, 14-1 others.

3.30 DOWN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,343: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

(6806) DOLLAR SEEKER 915 (F.S) (Mrs C N-Hurt) A Balley 6-10-5 Melady Town (5) (5) 76805 DOLLAR SECUR 915 (F.5) (Mrs C N-Hard) A Baby 5-10-5.
(3) 21014-2 HOSPITABLE 8 (D.F.O.S) (D Nyers) J-M Copins (Bel) 5-9-7.
(6) 30544-3 SHARP THISTLE 14 (F) (Angley Stad Left W Musson 4-9-6.
(5) 40303-1 SER RUPUS 7 (V.F) (N Wisson) C Neison 4-9-6 (Sex) (10 626305 - CNYSTAL SPRAY 35 (M Potend) H Carroy 4-9-5.
(4) 1070000- BURN BRIDGE 96 (6) (B Hoggas) W Hoggas 4-9-1.
(5) 007000-0 COURT CHARMER 8 (6) (T Mershall C C Baby 4-7-8. ... A Spence (5) BETTING: 5-4 Sir Rukes, 11-4 Hosphyble, 9-2 Sharp Thistie, 5-1 Crystal Spray, 7-1 Forceto, 10-1 Burn 598, 16-1 Count Churmer, 20-1 Dodar Seeker.

Course specialists

JOCKEYS

Panto Prince takes short break before Leopardstown tilt

in the first three in all his seven outings this season, is expected to have his next outing in the

Popham, the nine-year-old's trainer, at Windsor yesterday. "I think the Leopardstown track will suit him very well, and he seems to stay three miles without any problems these days."
The three-mile chase has attracted 11 entries, including four

from Britain, Bishop's Yarn, Kildimo and Nick The Brief. Popham, who is both optimis-tic and excited about having his

Beech Road waits Beech Road will miss Saturday's

Beech Road will miss Saturday's Daily Mail Raccall Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock Park and is likely to run instead in the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham the following week. Toby Balding reported yesterday that the Haydock going was likely to be too sticky for his champion.

first runner in Ireland, continued: "My only reservation about sending Panto Prince over is the journey. He is a bad traveller, but I'm hoping to book a flight and take him over on the day, like David Nicholson did with Charter Party last year."

Jenny Pitman, still clearly on a high after Dis Train's gallant second in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown last Saturday, gained ber 37th winner of the season when Villa Recos comfortably won the EBF Novices Hurdle

"We were very keen to win this race as he has now qualified for the final at Cheltenham on April 18," explained Mrs Pit-man. "He is a horse with a future and has now learned to

settle in his races.
"Charlie Brooks tried to buy
him off me at the sales and offered a big profit, but I told him that you have to get out of

Panto Prince, who has finished returned to Lambourn yesterday. "He has now recovered from a bout of colic, which he to have his next outing in the came down with after the race."

Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup at the trainer reported. "I have no Leopardstown on February 17.

"He is having a well-earned but his long-term fature will be rest at the moment," said Chris over fences."

The Lambourn trainer had nothing but compliments for the Irish hospitality she received after Dis Train was found to be a sick horse. "After the vet had treated my horse he refused any payment," she said. "In this country, I recently received a bill from one of the big tracks from a vet for putting a horse of

mine down. The ebullient trainer had further news of her rising stars. "Toby Tobias goes for the Golden Spurs Chase at Don-

caster on Saturday week. I should think the Cathcart Chase will be his race at the Chelten-ham festival. We will wait for another year before we go for the Gold Cup with him." Golden Freeze, runner-up to

Joint Sovereignty in the Mackeson Gold Cup, is now back in work after injuring a Nicky Henderson continued a

much-needed change of fortune after the tragic loss of The Proclamation last weekend, when Badrakhani effortlessly took the Rays Novices Hurdle. "He did that well" enthused Charlie Morlock, Henderson's assistant trainer. "A tilt at the Triumph Hurdle is now a distinct possibility."

Young Nicholas, a former lead horse for the Hendersontrained See You Then, three times winner of the Champion Hurdle, followed up his recent Nottingham success in the Windlesham Novices Chase.

The nine-year old, now trained by John Roberts at Taunton, carried the colours of Ray Safe, the building maintenance manager with 30 years service at Cheltenham race-course. Safe, who has been an owner for 10 years, said: "I have derived considerable enjoyment as an owner over the years and I'm hopeful one day that I will Dis Train, Mrs Pitman's first-ever runner at Leopardstown, at Cheltenham."

Evidence of Tote

By Phil McLennan

Ladbrokes, Britain's biggest betting shop chain, is withholding payment of off-course Tote bets on the winner of the first race at Lingfield yesterday following suggestions that the dividend was manipulated.

The Tote has strang evidence

The Tote has strong evidence of an attempted minor coup on the race, which failed, and is to re-examine its on-course strategy in the light of yesterday's

events,
Big Finish, the only runner with tangible form, started 10-1 on for the five-runner Repulse Novices' Handicap Hardle and Norices' Handicap Hardie and wen by 30 lengths. The winner paid 11-10 against with the Tote, the third freak win dividend in six days, all at all-weather courses.

Clear indications that an attempt to create a false dividend had been also course from

had taken place came from Geoffrey Webster, marketing director of the Tote. "Shortly before the off the screens at Lingfield were forecasting a win dividend of £1.10 on Big Finish but a £100 bet on an outsider pushed the potential dividend on

pushed the potential dividend on the favourite to £2.10.

"Then, seconds before the off, a pumer at Windsor races, probably an accomplice, tried to place £500 on Big Finish at the Tote betting office. But he hadn't done his homework as the

said: "We are investigating bet-ting patterns on the race and are withholding payment pending

investigations."

Corals, after making inquiries, is to pay out in full but William Hill is settling bets under its rules which allow a maximum dividend of four times

maximum dividend of four times the starting price equivalent. Yesterday's incident comes only two days after Basic Fun, a 14-1 on favourite, paid 6-5 against with the Tote at Southwell. At Lingfield on Friday, Don Keydrop paid 56-1 on the Tote after starting at 8-1.

Lathraless also investionted Ladbrokes also investigated the Basic Fun dividend and, although paying out in full on off-course Tote bets, the firm was "not entirely happy" with the outcome of their investigations.

Auntie Dot to recoup the losses

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Auntie Dot, trained at Banbury by John Webber, chases the thirteenth victory of her career and her first over three miles in the Ir£25.000 Telecom Eireann Thyestes Handicap Chase at Gowran Park this afternoon.

Anthony Powell substitutes this afternoon for the suspended Martin Lynch, who rode her into third place behind Us And Joe at Leonardstown lost Saturday. Amne Dot was backed down to 5-2 favouritism that day, but Lynch reported: "She never gave me the sort of feel that she usually does." She was outjumped at several of the fences by the top weight Hungary Hur and in the straight was only sterving on at the one page.

only staying on at the one pace.
A former winner of this race,
Feltrim Hill Lad finished fourth in Auntie Dot's race and another to reoppose is Lastofthe-brownies who finished fifth, over

a distance short of his best.

Top weight of 12 stone will be carried by Have A Barney, but his jumping let him down badly with successive falls in the space of 24 hours at Leanney. of 24 hours at Leopardstown over Christmas.

Austie Dot has a fine chance to recoup the losses this time and her most serious rival could be last year's Leopardstown Chase winner, Barney Burnett. to run Elfast against the very well-handicapped Cahervilla-how in the Ir£6,000 Eircell Peter

1). ALSO RANE 92 Fearminn, 9 Draw Poker, 12 Righter Commend, (5th), 14 Hidd (4th), 20 Mrs Dodd, 25 Salamander Joe (8th), Cobbiers Cross, Woodlands Lady, 50 Kilcorvino, Fast Cruise, Penni-less Imp., Iorwerth, Leading Supplier, Rewbek, 17 ran. NR: Strong Beau, Hd, 251, 41, 251, 151, R Price at Leominister, Tote: E12-50; E180, £1.40, £28.80. DF: £12.80. CSF: £21.81.

Lingfield Park

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Windsor Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdes)

(hurdes)
1.30 2m 30yd hole) 1, BADRAKHANE (J. White, 4-5 fay); 2, Mister Oddy (H Davies, 25-1); 3, Patticoat Power (S Hodgson, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 March On, 7 Cockstown Lad (481), 12 Greedon House, 16 Lexiden (881), Otterburn (fl., 20 Sharp'N Shree, Sit. Dynasty (581), 25 Sonoeto, Nesta, 33 Valgly Perceptive, Come Halley, Just Symour (pa), Tommy Arr, Francis Rose. 17 ran. NR: Present Times, Sentile Pride. 8, 11, 4, 2%1, 20. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tota: £1.80; £1.20, £3.80, £4.80. DF: £17.50, CSF: £25.92.

2.5 (2m 40yd ch) 1, LORD ADMIRAL (Gee Armyteps. 3-1 |t-fevt; 2, Bendicks (G Moore, 3-1 |t-fevt; 3, Selent Lad (K Moorey, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 3|t-fev Copper Street (pu), 5t William (pu), 5 ran. NPC Autumn Zulu, Master Vinos NI, 201. Mrs S Armytape at Matersbury. Tota: 12.50; 21.40, £1.90. DF: £5.80. CSF: £11.88.

2.30 (2m 30yd hole) 1, VILLA RECOS (M Pitman, 15-6 fav); 2, Saliora Lucir (S Turner, 5-1); 3, MI Sabe (R Beggan, 14-1), ALSO RAN + 8 Buddington (Sib), 11-2 No Bonus (Sith), Sebeld River (4th), 14 Just Patrationy, 16 Adomitice, Clever Dick, 25 Lade Tom, Paylins (ur), Shebaney, Total Linking, 13 ran, 7, 2%, 34, 1%, 5, Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn, Tota: 53.30; 21.50, 22.30, 22.90, Dr. 211.40, CSF: £13.72

2.0. (2m 5f ch) 1, TAMBNO (M Richards, 7-2); 2, Mister Feethers (T Barry, 11-8 fav); 3, Strictly Business (B Powell, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Larry-O (pu), 12 Kashili, Moss Connell (5th), 14 Problem Child (4th), 50 Alexan (8th), 8 ran, 10, 25, 20, 15, not recorded, Mrs. L Clay at Arandel, Tota: 23.70; 21.90, 21.30, 23.50, DF: 24.10, CSF: 28.74, Tricest: 261.25,

E4.10. CSF: 28.74, Tricest: CO1.25.

3.39 (3m ch) 1, YOUNG NICHOLAS (S. Turner, 5-1); 2, Lover Bit (M. Lynch, 5-1); 3, Jezzy Jumper (M. Bowthy, 9-2 fav), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Paddy's Pond (Stin), 7 Watersmeet Down (pu), The Doormelter (am), 12 No Politics (pu), Mencle Island Red (pu), 12 No Politics (pu), Mencle Island Red (pu), 12 No Politics (pu), Menche (Stin), 14 ren. NR: Bridgetown Led. 101, 21, 21, 151, 14, J. Robers at Tamton, Total S.70; 22.80, 21.00, 21.00, DF: 228.10, CSF: 238.48.

Tricast: £141.98.

4.0 (2m 30yd hdie) 1, COIRE VANNECH (Peter Holdes, 7-4 tav); 2, Corbelly Beas (Mr C Burnett-Wells, 25-1); 3, Directors' Choice (Mr Perret, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 9 Combined Exercise (pu), 10 Zegazig (5th), Kings Victory (pu), 12 Sir Humphrey (8th), 16 Te Werdie (ur.), 25 War Chiel (4th), Xylophone, 33 Treasure Lord, Decreto (f), 12 ran, NR: Versatie, 5, 6, 5, in, 12; Phobbs at Minehead, Toter 22:50: £1:20, £5:60, £1:30. DF: £62:50. CSF: £42:72. Treast: £98:39.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm

1.15 (2m hdie) 1, NATHAN BLAKE (R
Durwoody, 11-2;: 2, Rambiling Wild (A
Charlton, 20-1); 3, Squaeze Play (G
McCourt, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 fev
Run Again (4th), 7-2 Shrann's Royale, 8
Ar Commender (pu), 15-2 Santo Boy (5th),
25 Creem And Green, 33 Grand Chance,
Will's Bounty, 50 Unthrella Gri, 65 Alphih
Pike, Siice Ofthe Action, Brigrousem (pu),
Marina Mede, Moya's Giri (8th), 15 ran,
NPt College Silk, Sanctoun, 154, 154, 7, 11,
121, K Balley at Upper Lambourn, Tota:
24.70; 21.80, 25.40, 23.30, DF; 272.40,
CSF; 233.80.

1.45 (2m hdie) 1, FLYMG (A McLellen,

CSF: 293.80.

1.45 (2m hdis) 1. FLYING (A McLellan, 1-41; 2. Alvects Magic (P McDermott, 12-1); 3. Carjujan (Gary Lyons, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fev Jaciobelle (4th), 4 Sutey Tawdry (pu), 6 Lady Lav, 9 Golfer's Sunriss, 12 Criental Dresm (5th), 33 Captain May (8th), 50 Delay Miller, Reno's Jern (pu), 12 cris. N.R. Monsieur Tourblers, 274, ris., 5, 8, 51. R. Manning at Winterbourna, Tota: 63.10; 22.10, 22.20, 25.20, DF: 2400.40.
CSF: £46.27. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood. Bought in 8,200 guinesa. result stood. Bought in 8,200 guineas.

2.15 (2m 4l ch) 1, MOUNTEBOR (T Morgan, 9-2; 2, Knocksamble (R Supple, 33-1); 3, Dulto's Whistle (R Durrecody, 5-1).

ALSO RANE 5-4 fav I Like it A Lot (I), 7
Thursby (I), 11 Splittleditterence (I), 25
Aways Taking (Sin), 33 Jack The Hilter
(Rh), Mr Dibbs (Lr), 100 Just Mick (4m), To
Asteri, 11 ran. (I, 4l, 20), 151, 4l, J Edwards
or Researchites. Total (265): 51,80.

Asten. 11 ran. 11, 41, 201, 151, 41. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £9.20, £1.90. OF: £143.40, CSF: £107.30. 29.20, 21.90, DF, 2143.40, CSF: 2107.30, 245 (2m hdie) 1, PATRICK JAMES (J. Lodder, 4-1); 2, Kewze (G. Knight, 6-1); 3, Mardood (B. Dowling, 5-2 hav), ALSO FRAN: 100-30 Recidivist, 5-Castinacro (4th), 8 Sharp Order (6th), 14 Deny Rhydmi, 33 Humdecots (5th), Emmit Tom Bay, Clare's Delight, Spurring, Romandic Melody, Headbee, Strafey Castle, 14 ran. 2%, 1, 4, 1%, 12, F. Jonden at Leconhister Tota: E4.40; 21.90, £2.10, £2.00, DF; £28.00, CSF: £29.37.

CSF: E29-37.
2.15 (3m ch) 1, BALLICHI (Gary Lyons, 4-8 fav; 2, Just Perkins (P Verling, 20-1); 3, Brasseys Copes (T Wall, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Von Trapps (pu), 16 French Habitati (4th). 5 ran. 12, 4, das. B Prace at Teltord, Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £8.20. CSF: £8.38.

163.20. CSF: 28.38.

3.45 (2m 5* hdie) 1, MARRADONG SPOOK (C. Llewellyn, 4-1); 2, Tribel Mascot (S. McNell, 14-1); 3, Monaru (P. Scudamore, 11-10 key; 4, High Charless (D. Less, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Beach Park (I), 16 Kinglisher Bay (8th), 20 Tracauldan, Legal Coin. Emiley (8th), 20 Tracauldan, Legal Coin. Emiley (8th), 20 Tracauldan, Legal Coin. Emiley (8th), 50 tack 18-0 tack 19 Politicastro. 18 rish. NR: Fair Agmes, Culddily, 20, 174, 4, 6; shind, T-Forsier at Wantage, Totae (56): 22.00, 52.70, 51.30, 53.50. DF: ES3.40. CSF: ES8.45. Tricast: E93.16.

4.15 (2m fed) 1, FLAKEY DOVE (Mr. D.

Tricast: 214.84 INTIVIDUAL COURSES VIVE COMMENTARY 0898 168+ 157 143 148 158 144 Lingsleid Park Newton Abbot Irish Ante Post Early Prices Tipeform Raceview

1.55 (2m hdle) 1. Precoclously (R Guest, 4-1); 2. General Sitty (4-5 tay); 3. Deep Water Bay (33-1), 8 ran. ¾1, 25, S Dow. Tota: 24.40; 21.40, 21.60. DF: 24.60. GSF: 28.01. Cor: 20.11.

2.25 (2m hole) 1, Operatic Score (M Ahem, 7-4 tay); 2, Murtari (8-4); 3, Atrican Safari (12-1). 6 ran. 44, 81, J Jenkins, Tota: 22.90; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £3.30, CSF: £8.47. 2.55 (2m 4f hdie) 1, Pleza Ghee (M Ahern, 1-2 fav); 2, L'Aquino (7-4; 3, Denross (25-1), 3 ran. 3f, dist. J. Jenkins. Tota: F1.50, DF: E1.10. CSF: E1.61. 3.25 (2m hdie) 1, Le Castena (B McGiff, 9-4 ji-fav); 2, Mister Byblos (8-4 ji-fav); 3, Mister Lawson (8-4 ji-fav). 8 ran. NR: Porntervecchio Bella. 15., 21. C Beever, Total: 22.00; \$1.20, \$1.80, \$1.40, DF: \$2.50. CSF: \$27.98. 22.60 CSF: 27.98.

3.55 (3m hdie) 1, Don Keydrop (Dale McKeown, 8-11 tav); 2, My New Best Friend (13-2); 3, Marthamoon (5-1), 7 ran. NR: Jay-Dee-Jay, Super Jules, Nuns Royal 8i, 3i. Miss B Senders. Tota: £1.50; £1.40, £2.30. DF: £13.20. CSF: £6.53.



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is paying the Football League more than £44 million for its exclusive four-year con-

tract, won in fierce competition with BSB and the BBC. Those two are paying the FA £6 million a year for their joint exclusive deal to cover the FA Cup and England internationals, and BSB also has a separate contract with the Scottish League to show live Scottish League matches.

Recently in the scramble for football, Sky has agreed a £3 million contract with the League for the Zenith Data Systems Trophy and the Leyland Daf Cup. In all, with overseas sales and video rights, English football is at present getting an income of around £21 million a year from television and related sources. And that, of course, does not include the money sponsors and perimeter advertisers pay quite happily when guaranteed tele-

vision coverage. As all that suggests, the satellite revolution means wealth for some sports. Football, which is the nation's and the world's most popular sport, is undoubtedly certain to be the main beneficiary. Boxing will be

another. Even football, however, should be aware that television, and I say this as a television man, will exact its price. Competition is pushing up the money available to the sport. But the losers in the competition will not be playing by the cosy rules which Jonathan Martin, the BBC's head of sport, and I used

to play by 15 years ago. For the moment, Sky has bought the Zenith Data Systems Cup. But it seems to me that is not likely to sell many dishes, and indeed one wonders how much the delights of Scottish football will help to sell BSB's dish to English audiences. For the moment, ITV has the Football League: I think football needs to be aware that it is quite

From 1964 until last year, John Bromley was at the heart of ITV sports coverage. He is now the

chairman of the independent production

company, TSL. In the last of three articles, he looks at the likely effects of the satellite explosion

the only way to compete is by

looking to Europe. Already there is a link-up between leading European teams and satellite television stations. and I can easily foresee a scenario of a European super league being shown on, and possibly backed by, satellite

television. Probably, it will be done by slimming down the domestic programme to create space for it. That, surely, has to come, anyway - the first division cannot stay in its present format, there has to be more breathing space than it offers at the moment.

But if the game's administrators do not show themselves to be flexible - and it is not the first word which springs to mind when discussing them - and able to encompass a European super league within their own orbit, it could easily happen outside their jurisdiction.

Either way, I do not think that the UEFA prohibition on showing other country's matches live across a national border stands a chance of surviving 1992. But if that is something the game's authorities need to be aware of, the possibilities of a European league are also something for

both ITV and BBC to be alert to. Football, however, has a product everyone wants. So. to some extent, does boxing. If I were running BSB or Sky, I would say we have got to have football or world-class boxing. Already Sky has poached the latest Tyson bout, outbidding ITV for live and recorded rights, so the battle

is truly on. One of the big breakthroughs

likely that its rivals might decide in our bid for live, quality and exclusive action came with Frank Warren's boxing shows because he was willing to believe that, if the quality of the show was good enough, people would want to go even if it was on television. That has now been

After football and boxing, however, the competition for the other sports may be slightly less intense. Top-quality events will always have a market ITV at present has four big sports football, athletics, boxing and snooker. Now that the BBC has signed a new six-year contract with snooker, I think ITV's enthusiasm for that might wane

On the other hand, now that it has won the contract for the 1991 World Cup, I suspect it will provide formidable opposition to the BBC for the next domestic rugby union contract. I also think it is possible that rugby league, which has been very successful for Granada and Yorkshire TV, might attract a network bid from ITV.

Golf also has the capacity to expand. It is quite popular now, but by no means massive. The BBC holds a seven-year contract on the big events in Britain, which tends to take the sport out of the market-place at present.

The Government's proposal to free the listed events from their protected status opens up a whole new ball game. I am sure ITV and satellite stations will compete hard for several of them because they fill all the aims top quality, live and now exclusive action, and deliver the



Bromley: an independent view audience profile the advertisers

am sure, for example, that, providing ITV and Channel Four can keep a relationship which permits complementary program-ming, which I think is vital, they will make a big pitch for Wimbledon, which is a jewel: two weeks of outstanding worldquality sport, with a great audience profile. You could do a lot of business around that.

The same thought, undoubtedly, will occur to the satellite companies. But will sport sell big events to satellite television? I think there would be a public outcry if Wimbledon went on satellite. And Wimbledon certainly does not need satellite money. So why put your event on satellite where very few people can watch it?

In America there is no main event of any significance on satellite television. In this country, too, sponsors have more influence than in America, and I

am sure they will want their sports on the main channels rather than in a satellite chetto. so I think that pattern will be followed over here. The main events will continue to be covered by terrestrial channels. even if they have to pay more for them. Which leaves cricket in quite an interesting situation.

The game just does not lend itself to a commercial network. as I discovered in the early days (literally) of LWT when we had outbid BBC for the 1968 Gillette Cup Final. It was the first big event Jimmy Hill and I bought, and it was a disaster.

We had been on the air less than four weeks when the big day arrived for a new, nervous televison company. I did my research and discovered that the previous finals had finished between 6.10pm and 6.25pm at the very latest. So we scheduled the programme until 6.45pm, to give us plenty of time to wrap it all up.

We were being followed by David Frost live. And there we were as tea-time passed, watching this tremendous final developing as Warwickshire chased Sussex's total. At 6.40, I thought: "This is going to go on." And with three overs remaining in the most exciting final of all time, we had "Now we are leaving Lord's."

e raced round to David Frost's producer. "Take the last few minutes into your show." But they would not do it. The switchboard was jammed. We became the channel that pulled the plug on the closing overs of the Gillette Cup Final. And we ended up in court.

In the contract, we had the option for a second year, but the MCC said that after that shambles and farce it was going back to the BBC. So LWT sued MCC, and Hill and I ended up in the

option was not valid because we had not done the job satisfactorily. Of course, he was quite right. The ITV network is not geared to show cricket. Commercial breaks are a menace in cricket. It needs acres of coverage, which we cannot afford to

Cricket has always argued that it has been underpriced by television. I have always said that cricket should go down on its hands and knees every day and thank God for the BBC because the amount of exposure which the BBC givescricket and its blue riband sponsors is something no one else could do, or, given the small audiences, would want to do in a commercial world. And cricket only gets its sponsors because of the airtime it gets on BBC.

With the Sunday League and the Benson and Hedges going on to satellite, it looks as if the TCCB can say: "This disproves your theory." But I wonder what the sponsors will think about that? For the moment, it is only a toe in the water, because the Benson and Hedges highlights will stay on BBC, and that competition received the smallest audience of any of the competitions, anyway, but I cannot imagine Cornhill or NatWest being happy unless the satellite coverage was additional to the BBC's, rather than a replacement.

So far, I have only mentioned the traditional sports. And as big television sports, I believe those are the ones which will continue to make an impact. Television is now continually searching for the new snooker, or even the new American football, although that has a much bigger cult reputation than its actual audience justifies. But I cannot see one which will make a big impact.

If there is one, it will be because the sport has charis-

The judge decided that the matic star performers who sell it to the viewers. I am convinced that the huge boom in televised show jumping owed everything to the star quality of Foxhunter, and it was no coincidence that snooker's initial explosion coincided with the emergence of Alex Higgins.

There is a parallel search for new faces in front of the camera. Gazing into my crystal ball has not yielded anyone to tip as the new Dickie Davies or Desmond Lynam. The environment has changed, anyway, we do not have the magazine programmes, and so I suspect that we will begin to see people becoming identified with a single sport -Elton Weisby with football, for

One thing I would like to see is not a new sport but a new type of programme - a serious investigative one, which will look at sport behind the scenes and be sport's equivalent of World In Action or Panorama, whether it deals with drugs, violence or what is going on at Manchester United. Adrian Metcalfe produced such a programme, Sports Arena, at LWT in the early days, fronted by Michael Parkinson, but the network did not want it and it was taken off.

There has always been some reluctance to do it because of the fear that if you start asking awkward questions you suddeply find your access restricted. But that is a risk which has to be taken, and I do not think it is a serious one, anyway. If it was, some newspapers would be banned from every football ground in the country.

If someone in television will grasp the nettle, they will be taking a first step to making sports coverage in the Nineties even better than it was in the Eighties, and I am looking forward to that with undisguised

Interview: Peter Ball

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RUGBY UNION: EXCITING TIMES AHEAD AS THE FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP SWINGS INTO ACTION WITH THE IRISH AT TWICKENHAM AND THE FRENCH IN CARDIFF

England aiming for repeat of the glorious grand slam

Ry David Hands Rugby Correspondent

The approach of the five then," Wheeler said. "You particularly one which begins exciting time. For England, the excitement is tinged with suspicion about what might be, but invariably is not, and slam since the Second World War, and their eighth in all.

The championship programme over the next two months is exactly the same as that undertaken in 1980. In that year, Bill Beaumont's England team beat Ireland 24-9 at Twickenham on January 19, then moved on to a 17-13 win over France in Paris on February 2. A fortnight later came the notorious 9-8 win over Wales, and the season was rounded off on March 15 with a glorious 30-18 win at Murrayfield against Scotland.

This year, the match dates are almost exactly the same. It is enough to bring out any captain of England himself selectors.

receive greater exposure than ever before, the London Society of Rugby Football Union Ref-

erees — the biggest society of its kind in the world — debated at its meeting this week the possibility of a three-point code

of conduct for referees to follow

when faced with foul play (David Hands writes).
The obvious concern felt by

the society's leading officials at the harm violence does to the

image of the game was matched

by a feeling that perhaps their own members do not implement

the law as they have the power to

By Peter Bills

The latest product of Max

Boyce's famous mythical fly-half factory is imbued with the

same key quality as his es-

teemed predecessors. David Ev-

ans exudes confidence just as Cliff Morgan, David Watkins, Barry John, Phil Bennett and

Jonathan Davies did before

ended in 1984.

nations' championship, have Ireland and Wales in a new decade, is invariably an of their own making, as they sometimes are. Only Scotland comparisons which will be them last. If they can go to made with a decade ago when Murrayfield with three wins is shared by Jacques Fouroux, ted by John Ryan, the Welsh they won their second grand behind them, they must have the French coach. "They are a great chance.

the stability of the side. "How much they will miss

Dean Richards is hard to say, but the majority of the players have been around. They have a very solid front five and a lot of skill in the backs, plus the confidence of those who played in a successful British Lions party.

England supporter, by now rounded by such players as inured against disaster, in a Fran Cotton, Tony Neary and hot flush. Among those at Roger Uttley, England's Twickenham on Saturday to present coach - players whose see if the first hurdle, against experience occasionally ap-Ireland, can be overcome, will peared to have been accube Peter Wheeler, the hooker mulated despite, rather than in Beaumont's team and later because of, the national

"It's the same as it was

disarray and France in a tangle seem to be on any positive. progressive path towards the World Cup, and England face ladder," he said.

"It's difficult not to be optimistic, even allowing for the caution borne of past experience. The Irish have knocked us off a pedestal before but I would put a lot of money on England winning the championship this year, particularly when you look at

In 1980, Wheeler was sur-

Referees confront In an era when incidents of head-butting, deliberately kick-violence on the rugby field ing an opponent on the ground, receive greater exposure than and travelling some distance to ever before, the Loudon Society join in a fraces.

There was also debate about premeditated team violence, which is now ineradicably linked with the notorious 99 call during the visit to South Africa of the 1974 British Isles.

A straw poll taken at the end of the debate – the second part of a presentation on foul play made by Keith Griffiths (one of London's leading referees) suggested that the society's views should be made known to the Rugby Football Union, though any future action will be determined by the society's

During the debate, use of the "sin bin" as an alternative mode of punishment was dismissed as meeting, at the Institute of Child Health on Tuesday night, identified three areas of the came justify immediate dismissal chairman of the society's laws without warning. These were and coaching sub-committee,

players at international level then were no less competitive than today, though the modern player may be fitter. "What the leagues have done in England is to spread the competitiveness to more people, and help push them on to the next stage of the

Wheeler's view of the Scots the most coherent, the most inventive and the most faithful to a particular style of play," Fouroux, whose team play Wales in Cardiff on Saturday, said. "We haven't won in Edinburgh for 10 years, and we will go there with more chance of losing than winning.

"England have beaten us only twice in 10 years and, last year, in a crucial match, they lost to Wales in Cardiff, where we have won for the last 10 years. The physical potential might be on England's side, but we have the potential of our flair. The English are big and mean and they know what the priorities are for winning a game. But they've shown nothing new."

It is interesting that Fouroux talks of flair since it is a popular theme, both in Britain and across the Channel, which he has been busy coaching out of his players for the past decade. Nevertheless,

violence

who chaired the evening, said: "The point was made that some referees opt out altogether when it appears they see things happening in front of them. The main topic was whether we, as a society, ought to give a lead to our members and, through the RFU, to all referees societies." society to contact the RFU directly, although it is more

likely that the views of the meeting will be laid before the RFU referees advisory panel. "The law gives referees absolute power already to send off who they like," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical admit istrator, said.

Though no code of con exists in Britain for officials, the French have a set of fixed penalties. The society was also aware of Rugby Lengue's efforts to ensure that foul play receives the punishment it merits.

suggests that France have it in them to play more than one style of game

Fouroux, too, has indulged this season in speculative selection, which has hinted at "horses for courses" - a theme found to a small degree in England's experiment in the front row against Fiji in October, and publicly admitcoach in his XV to play France.

In an amateur context, it is a dangerous game which may easily lead to discontent. If players who do not earn their living from their sport find themselves enduring a yo-yo international existence, they may well decide to walk away from it.

The French used the visit of the Australians last autumn as a testing ground before reverting to the old guard for the five nations — an old guard, though, spiced by the presence of two youngsters, Devergie and Roumat. The New Zealanders used their tour of Wales and Ireland as a journey during which, in Wheeler's words, "they learned more about themselves and about us than we did about them".

England too, have recalled their older tight forwards, which suggests that a hard lesson has been learned there is no substitute for experience. Whether Wales are right, in responding directly to a French team packed with big forwards, will be determined by their results.

But their policy does suggest a certain incoherence: Phil Pugh, the Neath flanker, here and gone after one cap against New Zealand; Phil Davies moved to the blind-side after a life-time at No. 8 or lock.

In a genuine "horses for courses" policy, anyway, you would pick a squad rather than a team for the game, and nominate your XV on the morning of the match perhaps depending upon whether it was raining or not.

I hope that, by the end of the 1990s, we are no nearer that state of affairs than we are today because, if we are, the word loyalty will have been well and truly buried, and the world's best players will probably be playing for pay. Confidence from new man at No. 10



Cross purposes: Santy tries to boot clear for Hampshire while Joy attempts to keep the ball

Warwick fall to Welshmen

By Michael Austin

Warwick University 10 Aberystwyth University 13

travellers in the Commercial Union UAU championship, head for Brunel next Wednes-day to challenge for a quarterfinal place after beating Warwick in bright and breezy conditions at Coventry yesterday. Despite lacking five firstchoice players, Aberystwyth produced a performance as bracing as the weather, him needed to quell a Warwick revival which incorporated 15

scrummages near the line in the second half. Aberystwyth benefited from a makeshift half-back partnership that featured Evans, a thirdchoice scrum half drafted in the

previous evening, and Parfitt, the stand-off half, switched from his regular role as full back, appreciated a precise service from Evans and hoisted towering wind-blown kicks to War-wick's discomfort.

TheAberystwyth back row flourished, and a try by Geoff Jones, following a scrum pickup from Morgan, the No. 8, was an appropriate reward for its efforts. This established a 13-4 lead with seven minutes remain-ing, before Warwick's recu-perative powers yielded a lastminute try by Marshall from a hack-on, logether with a wide-angled conversion from Perkins.

beaten by Harlequins under-21s when fielding a weakened team last Saturday, trailed from the twentieth minute, but matched

petus from a tapped penalty for a try, correctly awarded by Peter Facey, a vigilant referee, after Backshall grounded the ball on the line. The most fluent score belonged to Parlitt, whose jinking run to the line was crowned by a delicate left footed conversion across the wind by

SCORERS: Warnick University: Tries: Backshall, Marshall Conversion: Perkins, Aberysteyth University: Tries: Parfitt, G Jones. Conversion: E Jones. Penalty goet: Parfitt.

WARWICK LINEVERSITY: R Perkins; R Hoyte, J Tolcher, R Bayles, D Mershall; R Mills, S Burnside; K Long, T Backshall, M Riddy, C Jones, D Bessent, A England, M Famer, I Pickup.

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Wind-assisted Sheffield success

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Loughborough University.

The game was marred by the diagonal gale which favoured

deep into the first half before pack to hunt under it. After a

one man and beat the cover.

ated by much the best move of

Liley penalty Sheffield conceded a curious try. From a scrum near

SCORERS: Shaffield University: Tries: Granger, Humphreys, Bohan. Conver-sion: Hall. UMSST: Try: Elliot. Conversion: elon: Hall. (MAST): Try: Cutc. Converso Liley, Penelty Goot: Liby. SHETPIELD: UNIVERSITY: M. Halt; Harris, M. Husby, J. Granger, P. Balley; Brannan, P. Humphyeys; A. Muslens, Barret, S. Bounde, A. Horler, S. Brown, Price, B. Paul, G. Bohatt.

Absence of key men 🚣 hits Army

By David Hands

Hamoshire .. The Army ..

The Army, inter-services cham-pions last season, moved into action at Basingstoke yesterday without several senior players, among them Dean Ryan, the England B No. 8, whose services they will not have for much

Ryan, who is still resting after bruising a previously broken arm early this month, is to leave the army in April and intends to spend the summer in New Zealand where a season with Bay of Plenty should add to his

rugby education.
Since Gordon-Lennox and Steele of last season's side, have also departed and Wainwright, the Scotland B flanker, will not be fit for another three weeks there was an inexperienced air about the Army, when in bright but chilly conditions, they went down by four goals, a try and three penalty goals to two goals, a try and two penalties.

Hampshire, who face a de-layed London play-off against Middlesex at Wasps on January 31, took the chance to move the ball around against tackling that bore little resemblance to what Middlesex may offer.

Their early lead was whittled away before Wilson crossed for the try which gave them a 19-13 half-time advantage. From there the county went away, capitalizing on hesitation among all the army backs except Rodber.

Oakley charged down Spowart's kick to score and both centres were involved in Perry's ry. Hampshire were happy, too, to give Santy (whose deeds have attracted the attention of clubs considerably higher in the league than Havant) goalkicking practice whenever possible and his success rate of just over 50 per cent staved off any prospect of any army recovery, despite Layard's late score.

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THE ARMY: Lt J Layard (RA): Lt A Wheetley (DWR). Lt S Hopkin (King's Cum Bonderers). Lt A Glasgow (RE). LCpl J Davis (RAOC): Set C Spowert # (APTC). Lf8dr J Dermood (RHA); Bdr D Coughtae (RHA); Bdr B Byera (RAMC). Capt R Bullech 1/2 Gurthas; 2/Lt T (REME, Capt). Set Turkey (Cheshre Regt, LCpl K Festiment (REME), Capt I Whitehall (Royal Signals).

Student's fare in Cardiff

As an entree to the main five nations' course this weekend, the Welsh open the students' international season when they play France on the Cardiff club ground today under the cap-taincy of Simon Bryant, the Cambridge University flanker (David Hands writes).

(David Hands writes).

Andrew Lewis, of Liverpool
University, who scored five tries
in the first trial last month,
makes his first appearance. He is
on the left wing, at the expense
of Graham Davies (Cambridge).
Lewis played for Llanelli over
the Christmas holiday. The the Christmas holiday. The French XV is based firmly on the Toulouse University side, which provides five forwards and four backs.

Evans is filled with belief. in himself and those around him It is, in a sense, an arrogance and yet, in another way, it is not. He iust has immense confidence that Weish rugby can demonstrate its great quality and

The decision to put the Cardiff player in the No. 10 jersey threequarter line.

so beloved of Welsh schoolboy "Of course you play anywhere for your country, but you always know in your heart where you prefer to be. For me, that has to be outside-half."

He was always a No. 10 for school and university. Only when he went up to Oxford and found Brian Smith already in the position did he move to centre.

But Cardiff have regarded him as a stand-off half and Wales, too, have now recognized the famous qualities required in the role: vision, speed of thought and moveand the ability to launch a

But there is one other facet, of the game." the ability to do the unpredictable. That cannot be acquired by coaching: it is God's gift. Jonathan Davies demonstrated the trait gloriously in scoring the unlikeliest of tries against Scotland at Cardiff in 1988, Phil Bennett hallmarked the quality in starting that magnificent try for the Barbarians against New Zealand, Intuitive skill and an eye for the dramatic - Evans it even if his international career is

in its infancy.
Yet he does not fear the challenge. "I love the position because you are more involved in the game. At centre you have to rely on somebody giving you the ball, but I love making decisions and being a bigger part

Watching Evans has always been an experience in glimpsing the trace of cockiness required in the role he will assume on Saturday against France. There-fore he does not dwell on his predecessors in the job. "If you did that the nerves would be

He admired Bennett's ability to beat people on the proverbial sixpence and insists "We won't be afraid to open it out, to go from anywhere to attack. Weish rugby has stagnated in recent years because the ball has not been moved. There has been almost a negative approach." Not so, during his tenure of office at No. 10, he said.

By Michael Stevenson Sheffield University 14

Sheffield University thoroughly deserved to win this delayed UAU qualifying match and next have a difficult away tie against

Sheffield in the first half, during which they scored all their points; they prospered only when they foresook aimless kicking and kept the ball in their hands. UMIST, without several key players, kicked away their chances in the second half. Sheffield were soon in command territorially, but it was

they scored, though Hall had been close with several penalty attempts. Granger, in the centre, accelerated and just beat Elliot's were going back so fast that cover tackle to score by the nobody thought to touch the

Sheffield's third try was cre-

the match, which illustrated the superiority of the Sheffield back row. Bohan. Paul. Horler and then Haley handled confidently before Haley made the break; Horler linked adroitly and Bohan took his scoring pass. In the second half Liley kept the ball high in the air for his

their line Sheffield heeled but The second try came from a set scrum — Humphreys stole away on the blind, jinked past one man and beat the country is for Likey to convert. ball down over the home line, a

LIMEST: M. Hutchinson: A. Jones, S. Prosser, P. Craghill, T. Pagrim: R. Likey, N. Billot, A. Rimmer, D. Humphrise, R. Wilkes, M. Dawson, S. Lee-Glancy, S. Dale, T. Hums.

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WORLD STUDENT GAMES

Universiade unveils sponsorship deals to attract funding

Norman Adsetts, deputy chairman of the organizing company, Universide GB Limited, is the man drafted in to reinvigorate the organisation following the crisis over cash shortages and the dismissal of its chief executive.

He aims to raise at least a vate sector is they key to the further £500,000 from the Games moving towards a private sector over the next successful conclusion.

At the meeting yesterday, he also made an appeal for further secondments of staff to the organizing body in order 18-month run up to the Games in July 1991, which are expected to attract 6000

A variety of aid packages have been received by Universiade since the New Year financial crisis, and pledged second error are already valued at £700,000. To follow are a series of

regional presentations in Febmary and March, at which in sponsorship, which is help-year.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Howard

quits Army

for Salford

By Keith Macklin

Tony Howard, a former captain of the British Army Under-19

and Under-21 rugby union XVs, has signed professional forms for Salford after demobilization

next week.

Another New Zealand coach,

Mike McLennau, will take up

on crutches. He has crushed his

foot in an accident at work.

John Myler, the Swinton and former Widnes utility player, has declined a transfer to

Workington because of the amount of travelling involved.

• Keith Atkinson, the Oldham

forward, claimed last night that he was twice bitten by an

opposing player before he was sent off for throwing a punch in Sunday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie against Hudderstield.

Atkinson was dismissed following an incident involving the Huddersfield forward, Si-

mon Kenworthy.
The Oldham board has de-

cided to support Atkinson's claim, and the player will be

accompanied to the disciplinary bearing by the club coach. Tony Barrow. "We will definitely appeal," a club official, Jim Kuoz, said.

The Widnes district amateur Rugby League club, Simms Cross, has signed Chris Middlehurst, the former Runcom Highfield captain, for

£200 in what is believed to be the first paid professional trans-fer to an amateur club. Runcorn

Organizers of the World Student Games, to be held in Sheffield next year, yesterday in price from £5,000 to contracts to televise the unveiled a package of new £250,000 pounds. In return for Games around the world. sponsorship opportunities to around 500 businessmen in an attempt to raise additional promotion of the Games; the more they pay, the larger the

> Adsetts, who was a private Universiade board before being appointed deputy chair-

"We are confident in the ability of Universiade to stage the Games, as promised, and it is with the help of the

magnificent games facilities and financial support, is now being followed by substantial through the short term."

David Foggin, the Universiade marketing director, is to travel to the sector member of the Commonwealth Games in Auckland to conclude negotiations with overseas television going on with Eurosport, who have expressed their intent to

It was announced earlier this week that three of Britain's top sports administrators private sector throughout the to help in raising sponsorship to meet the costs of running the Games, estimated at around £27 million.

expected to attract 6,000 being made by the local In a statement yesterday, competitors from 130 nations. authority, in providing Universiade said: "Major sponsorship negotiations, underway for some months, offers of support from local coverage prior to a conclusion, companies, which will help us Sponsorships conditional through the short term." upon TV negotiations are
Local businesses have alexacted to be announced
ready come up with £500,000 within the first half of this

FOOTBALL

FA clears Wheldon of breaking rules

Ken Wheldon, the managing director of Birmingham City, was yesterday cleared by a Football Association disciplinary committee of infringing FA regulations by selling tickets on the day of the chub's third division match at Blackpool last September.

from service in Belfast. Howard, a centre-three-quarter, aged 21, was also being September.
The three-man commission, headed by Bill Fox, the president of the Football League, considered police evidence before accepting Wheldon's explanation that the tickets had pursued by St Helens, Warrington and Wakefield Trinity, and played a trial with Warrington earlier in the season. He has played for the Army Senior XV
and for the Combined Services.
Widnes have rejected an offer
from St Helens for their trysooring winger, Brimah Kebbie.

explanation that the tickets had been ordered the previous day.

"The commission were satisfied with the explanation regarding a small number of tickets being passed to and paid for by a supporter of the club, and therefore no further action is being taken," Eric Dinnie, the FA disciplinary secretary, said. sowing winger, briman Kebbie, the former Broughton Park Rughy Union winger. The Widnes secretary, John Stringer, said the St Helens offer was well below the Widnes valuation. couch, Tommy Dawes, carly this week, have put his assistant. Keith Davies, in temporary charge, Carlisle are expected to appoint Cameron Bell, of New Zealand, as coach within the

The all-ticket restriction on Birmingham's away games, forbidding the sale of tickets on the day of the match, was imposed after crowd trouble at Crystal Palace on the final day of last season. Before making a harried artis. Wheldow's only hurried exit Wheldon's only comment was: "All I will say is what I said in the first place, that

York City have spent £30,000 on the Peterberough forward, David Longhurst, aged 25, to try to end a goal famine. City are without a win in their last five

regarding a small number of tickets being passed to and paid for by a supporter of the club, and therefore no further action is being taken," Eric Dinnie, the FA disciplinary secretary, said.

"There was a technical infringement of the rules, which we accept was a bit of a misunderstanding. We would expect the club to be extra careful in future."

• Clive Wilson, Chelsea's utility player, has returned to training following a knee injury but stamford Bridge still resembles a casualty ward. Three internationals, Dorigo (Achilles tendon), Nicholas (knee) and Durie (groin) are all under treatment and are doubtful for Saturday's London derby at home to Charlton Athletic.

Ardiles admiration for non-stop Southampton

If the Littlewoods Cup adorns the trophy cupboard at the Dell later this season however it will not surprise Osvaldo Ardiles, the Argentinian managor of swindon Town who on Tuesday night fought gallantly but ultimately in vain before losing the fourth round replay 4-2 after extra time as Southampton progressed to a home quarter-final with Oldham Athletic.

Swindon, who occupy the highest league position in their history — they are third in the second division — controlled the first tie without scoring and controlled the first half on Tuesday night, with goals from Alan McLoughlin and Steve White in the 35th and 37th minute. minute.
Southampton recovered both fer to an amateur club. Runcorn their composure and the deficit will offer the money to charity. in the second half; a fierce drive

Southampton may have at- from Brian Horne and a gentle tracted many admirers this sea-son for their all-action attacking the match into extra time when son for their all-action anacong the match into extra time when style but they have not won any important silverware since collecting the FA Cup in 1976.

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Le Tissier added a goal apiece to their season's joint tally, which

"Southampton are the best

ream I have seen this season going forward and that includes Liverpool and Arsenal. They can win the Littlewoods Cup," Ardiles said to endorse the Southampton manager, Chris Nicholl's, own thinking. His team remains unbeaten at home since the visit of Millwall

SNOW REPORTS

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the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Billian Literator to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

His team remains unbeaten at home since the visit of Miliwali on August 19, the opening day of the season and it is 10 Swindon's crodit that their brace of goals were the first that Southampton had conceded in the competition.

Nicholl them had some justification for saying: "My team simply refused to lose tonight and that is a quality you need to get to a Wernbley final. We know we can score goals anytime against anyone."

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e Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

Just in case anyone doubts Mike Tyson's title to be the undisputed world No. 1 heavyweight, he displays a banner making it clear to Japanese viewers at a Tokyo hotel. He intends to make it even clearer in a Tokyo ring on February 11, when he defends his title against Buster Douglas GOLF: SHAKY START FOR LYLE BUT BONUS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS IN EUROPE

Shogun Tyson drops into Tokyo for his next showdown

From Patricia Davies, Palm Springs

Sandy Lyle, professional No. 7
of the 128 playing in the \$1
million Bob Hope Chrysler
Classic here, gave his three
amateur partners hope when his
opening drive in the first round
at Bermuda Dunes yesterday
and Bunes ment then \$0 under

ended up no more than 50 yards away, just off the end of the tee. Using a new, graphite-shafted driver, with a beautiful persimpeppering the roof of a distant house on the practice ground, with the owner peeking anxiously from behind the double

suntered away, not wishing to use up all his good shots too use up

FOR THE RECORD.

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tour, said.
"We had reached the end of the five-year contract with La Manga and it seemed appro-priate to investigate other venues, especially those in France, where there has been such rapid

Tour move

unlocks

door again

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

The PGA European Tour is on the threshold of signing a con-tract which will reopen the door for golfers from South Africa to

participate at the qualifying school, from which they have been excluded in Spain because

A switch from La Manga to

Montpellier, in France, will enable South Africans not other-

"That will be a bonus, al-

though it was not the prime reason for leaving La Manga after eight years," Andy McFee, a tournament director on the

of an anti-apartheid ban.

It was learned during the Spanish Open at Pedrena in May 1988, that the government in Spain had imposed a ban on players from South Africa.

The ban immediately barred South Africans from taking the conventional route via the conventional route via the qualifying school on to the PGA European Tour. Their one option was to play well on the South African Tour and write for invitations to Furnace. for invitations to European events, although eligible for only

contract will be signed on January 25 with the qualifying school being played at La Grande Motte and Massane.
They are both excellent courses close to the airport," McFee The move to France will strengthen the relationship of

It is understood that the new

the PGA European Tour with the Promo Golf organization which has been instrumental in the increase of professional

ATHLETICS

Rebound leaves Lyle's ball in embarrassing position

not what he had in mind. Standing beside a motley crew of amateurs with a wide assortment of swings and stances, his striking caught the eye, but only until a one-armed left-hander sauntered up, hit two or three perfect drives and nonchalantly sauntered away, not wishing to use up all his good shots too

quickly turned into a lower, less life-endangering hook.

Later in the day, country-andwestern fans crowding the fairways a little too close for a glimpse of their hero might be grateful. The spirit of Spiro Agnew, lethal to anyone within 20-yard radius, especially off the tee, haunts most pro-ams.

Bermuda Dunes, one of four courses in use during the tour-nament, was the top celebrity spotting spot yesterday, with Bob Hope, whose buggy features the famous ski-jump nose, due to tee off with Steve Jones, the defending champion. Making up the group were former President Gerald Ford and Tip O'Neill, former Speaker of the House of Representatives. Luckily, Jones majored in gov-

Wright has right pedigree

From John Hennessy, Montego Bay

In due time she was awarded a

To meet Pamela Wright over a of her at home. She would like to Camelback, Phoenix, as her leach table have hadde the play in the British Onen but teacher, "I will ring him up." she getting a release from the LPGA
is a serious stambling block,
Wright first held a golf club
when she was four, encouraged
by her father Innes, the professional at Aboyne, and her glittering Caribbean is to rec-ognize that Britain have an impressive second string to their bow this week in the Jamaica Ladies Professional Golf
Association season. Laura Davies adds solid support.
Wright, aged 25, not only has
a talent for the game, flowing
from an impeccable Scottish
pedigree, but also a sensible
head on her shoulders.
"Being rookie of the year in
the United States last season is
an honographody can take symp. mother, Janette, four times Scottish champion and four times a Curtis Cop player.

in due time sale was awarded a scholarship to Arizona State University and has lived in Phoenix ever since. After university, she entered the 1988 LPGA qualifying school and finished a commendable sixth. She did well in her first tournament, finishing 22nd, and thereafter charted a an honour nobody can take away from me," she says, "and it won't let me get above my station. For the moment, I'm just concerned to see I continue where I left off." Where she left off lest years her first concern as a steady pioneering course until the last two tournaments in the United States. She was then runner-up, to Nancy Lopez in off last year, her first season as a professional, of course, was in 39th place with \$77,951. Los Angeles (to become top rookie), and ainth the following week in San José.

She still regards her father, along with Ruth Jessen, at

BOXING

CARDEF: Heavyweight: Chris Jacobs (Wales) bt Jess Harding (Potters Ber), rac 4th Super middleweight: Chris Eubank (Brighton) bt Bernye Cronin (Caerphilly), rec 3rd. Light-middleweight: Jimmy Fairfel (Cardin) bt Gary Pembernon (Cardin), rac 2rd. Vauginen Carnegie (Newport) bt David Jenkins (Nesth), pts. Light weitsaweight: Br Williams (Watford) bt Miss Morrison (Pembroles), pts.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Eastbourne 1, Cateman 2; Wellington 3, Trojans All Star (New Zealand) 2. Molington 3, Trojans All Star (New Zealand) 2. Molington 10, Stackhesth 5: Southgate 7, St. Abare 2, Old Loughtolana 16, Houselow 9 (at Crystal Palece). BIRMINGHAM MIDSHIRES INDOOR LEAGUE: Barrord Tigers 6, Harborne 8; Barrord Tigers 6, Harborne 8; Barrord Tigers 12, Biovaich 9; Frebrands 7, Harborne 13; Firebrands 7, Bioxwich 8.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (18RL): New York Intenders 3, Vercouver Cenucks 0; Plusturgh Penguins 4, Philadelphia Fiyers 3; Westington Capitals 9, New Jessey Devils 8; Calgary Flames 5, St Loois Blues 2; Cuebec Norticues 8, Winnipeg Jets 6; Detroit Red Wings 6, Edmonton Cliers 4; Buffelo Sabres 4, Los Angeles Kings 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHARPIONSHIP: Wigen 30, Shelfold 2.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES; Hampshire 37, Army 22 Surrey 14, Royal Navy 14. CLUS MATCHES: Neath 43, Newbridge 4; Physician 19, RAF 13.

SQUASH RACKETS

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WINDSURFING

ELAT, jarnet: First division world changlon-ships; Lightweighte 1. M Thomas (GB); 2. I Herzog (Ist); 3. K Escrit (GB); Hemymeighte 1. G Steinberg (Ist); 2. G Manchester (GB); 3. O Shalor (Ist); Women: 1. A Highton (GB); 2. S Torstineon (GB).

KEY WEST, Plorida: Fifty-Foot World Cup-First reols 1, Cortainter (design: Judel/Vrollic owner: U Schutz, WG); 2, Wil (Farr; R Ods. Japan; 3, Imanianie (Walson/Marvis, Krenhiel Lee & Thuris, US). British placing: 13 Bizzand (Humphroys: Ernest Juan). Second reols: 1. Tiger (Farr; M Kobrysskil, Japan; 2 Cents (Farr; V Forts. Sweb; 3, Windquest (Farr; R de Voss, US). British planding: 10. Bizzand Third reols: 1, Springton (Farr; D Rosow, US). 2, Windquest (Farr; R de Voss, US); 3, Container (Judnit/Vrollic U Schutz, WG). British planding: 7, Bizzand.

Sadly, she has become so acclimatized to the American

explains, "and tell him my hands are droping, say, or I'm swinging tight, and he'll tell me try this or that. Apart from that, pretty well do my own thinking, but only on the practice ground. During a tournament I never think swing." She taps a temple and adds: "I think I've got enough to sort it out." Davies, who tees up here on

Classic, said: "I've done well in the last five years. Now I'm going to give it a go and look for She was unable quite to achieve one of her goals last year — to finish in the top 10 on the LPGA tour — but thirteenth place and \$181,574 in prize-

Friday for the \$500,000 Jamaica

money was a pretty good consolation prize, particularly as her commitment to the European professional tour restricted her to only 18 LPGA tour-

Honeyghan lined up for title tilt

By Bryan Stiles

Lloyd Honeyghan was yesterday handed the opportunity to make British boxing history by win-ning his third world title. He will challenge Mark Breland, the American, for his World Boxing Association championship, and a million-dollar purse, at Wembley Arena on March 3.

The last remaining doubts surrounding the contest were removed yesterday after Breland and his trainer, Joe Fariello, flew into London at 6am, and checked out the Arena and the security arrangements.

Breland's manager, Shelley Finkle, had been worried about the safety of his boxer following the disturbance after the Alan Minter-Marvin Hagler world

title clash there in the early 1980s, when bottles were thrown into the ring. Fariello was happy about the Arena but was less than pleased with Honeyghan, the 29-year-old Londoner, who has had eight world title bouts in his

"I have seen two Lloyd Honeyghans - the one who had a great fight to take the title of Don Curry, and the one who came off his seat and hit Johnny Bumphus as he was getting off his stool," Fariello said. "We are prepared for the best and the worst Lloyd Honeyghan."

Breland and Honeyghan will heavyweight purse ever offered in Britain, and they will bring an impressive record to the ring -they have won 11 world title

ships, was dethroned by Marlon Starling in Las Vegas last February.
In the build-up to the contest, the pair will share the same training camp near Miami Beach in Florida.

Honeyghan, who has pre-viously held the World Boxing

Council and the International

YACHTING

Solo sailor as fast as a Whitbread yacht Some 1,500 miles south and through roughly the same slightly west of Australia, stretch of ocean, in the Titonan Lamazou continues to lead the 11 remaining competation. At present rates of progress.

itors in the Globe Challenge non-stop singlehanded roundthe-world race (Malcolm McKeag writes). Yesterday, be was 411 miles ahead of his nearest rival, Loick Peyron in Lada Poch.

Lada Poch.

In the past week Lamazou's 60ft monohull of the type being suggested in some quarters for use, fully-crewed, in the next Whitbread, has covered 1,311 miles; by comparison the 256 miles in the week (November 12-19) in which she was racing at 10 knots.

At present rates of progress Lamazou and the other Globe race leaders will be passing south of New Zealand just as the Whitbread racers leave Auckland in early February, giving the opportunity for some fascination compensations.

But the Frenchman's rapid progress has slowed, at least temporarily. Yesterday his Whitbread, has covered 1.311 Ecureil d'Aquitainne was makmiles; by comparison, the 85ft ing only 5.7 knots in high Fisher & Paykel covered 1.215 pressure and calm weather while astern, Peyron was still running

SNOOKER

Players face lottery The British Open may not have every round until the finalists

the final stages at the Assembly Rooms in Derby from February 18 to March 3 (Steve Acteson At the request of independent television, the top players will

no longer be protected by their

fascinating new format during prospect of Steve Davis, the

world No. 1, perhaps playing his nearest challenger, Stephen Hendry, in the fourth round. It certainly offers the possibility of a repeat of the carnage at the Mercantile Credit Classic in Blackpool where, despite a norseeding from the fourth round mal seeding system, 12 of the (last-32 stage), but will face a top 16 had been eliminated by

Matches played 13th January 1990 LITTLEWOODS POOLS LIVERPOOL

redraw, live on television, after the end of the fourth round.

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Sintent's fall, in Cardiff

Harford signs for Buoyant Elliott's Derby but Forest demand fail in the market

Evans said he would meet

Jim Ryan, who was appointed

Luton's manager last week,

ton had 41 professionals after

the sale of Harford and Roy

Wegerie to Queen's Park

Rangers for £1 million, still

the largest number in the

O'Neill admitted there were

obstacles to overcome, among

them the question of how

many of the host teams would

qualify automatically. He said: "Only one team can

qualify as hosts and obviously

that is a problem we have not

yet addressed; but for us it is

the staging of such a pres-

tigious event that is the really

might prove to be the trend

towards all-seat stadiums.

"UEFA are not as tough as

FIFA on that line," O'Neill said, adding that the four

venues he and Evans had in

in Dublin. Windsor Park in

At Lancaster Gate, David

Bloomfield, a spokesman, said

that the English FA was

waiting for the Taylor report

on hooliganism before consid-

He did not think that the

smaller countries' bid would

weaken any attempt by England to hold the competition

and Hampden Park.

ering its strategy.

Another disadvantage

important thing."

League.

championship bid

The football associations of year in these islands," he said.

by the originator of the idea, mind were Lansdowne Road

Welsh FA, to hold exploratory Belfast, Cardiff Arms Park

Forest, tried unsuccessfuly to Dean Saunders. bring two newcomers to the City Ground. Attempts by Luton chairman, who con-Brian Clough to sign Gary ducted the transfer negotia-McAllister and David Currie tions as one of the two for an outlay of nearly £2 directors delegated to deal million ended in temporary with team matters, said

The Forest manager was to pay million to Leicester City suffered many injury probfor McAllister and £750,000 to lems and was always worried Barnsley for Currie but nei- about playing on the artificial ther deal could be completed surface. before the Littlewoods Cup tie with Tottenham Hotspur. The McAllister deal was said by the player's agent, John Holmes, to have hit a last-minute hitch. "It looks as set to make his debut for though the deal will go on ice County against Forest on for a short time," Holmes Saturday.

Forest's move for Currie, a goal-scoring forward, appeared to be near completion, today to discuss the playing but the player returned to structure of the club. "There is Yorkshire without completing. "Negotiations are contin-quality players." he said. Luuing but a lot has to be sorted out before a deal can be finalized," Ronnie Fenton, Clough's assistant, said.

Mick Harford, the Luton Town forward who missed the

Wales, Scotland, and both

Northern and the Republic of

Ireland are to discuss mount-

ing an audacious bid to stage

the 1996 European champ-

ionship - even in the face of a

possible counter-bid by the English FA.

In Dublin, Tony O'Neill,

the general secretary of the

land, said that the plan was

"still in the embryonic stage

It will, however, be explored

further when Emie Walker,

secretary of the Scottish FA,

and his counterpart from Bel-

fast, David Bowen, are invited

Alun Evans, secretary of the

Stockholm in a fortnight for

the draw for the 1992

O'Neill said that without

Scotland or Northern Ireland,

the scheme would not be

viable. "Alun Evans first con-

tacted me last October to see if

we could do it on a sharing

basis in the way Belgium and

Holland are hoping to do and

championships in Sweden.

and nothing hard and fast".

Football Association of Ire-

Derby County completed the injured ankle, signed for loan of Mal Donaghy from signing of Mick Harford from Derby in a £480,000 transfer Manchester United — "an Luton Town yesterday as their to end Arthur Cox's long unmitigated disaster, they near neighbours, Nottingham search for a tall partner for never come back in anything" - and the defensive style of David Evans, the former the team under Ray Harford.

the previous manag

Evans said Luton's future was with youngsters, "not bringing in has-beens". He predicted they would finish in Harford had been "a fantastic a mid-table position.

pro" in his five years at Kennilworth Road but had Brian Gayle has been transferred to Ipswich Town from Manchester City for £350,000. Gayle, aged 24, was signed by Manchester City from Wimbledon for £325,000 by their former manager, Mel Machin, at the start of last games out of 60 in the past 18 months, scoring seven goals.
"That is not a sufficient strike season and made 66 first-team appearances for City. Machin made him City's

captain at the start of this season, but he has not figured in the team since Machin was dismissed and Howard Kendall took over. Kendall may now make a move to sign Adrian Heath from Aston

Colchester United have failed in their bid to sign Nicky Morgan from Stoke. The clubs agreed terms at £40,000 but the forward, whom Colchester manager, Mick Mills, was hopeful of recruiting from his former first half of the season after Evans criticized Wegerle's club, has decided against the undergoing operations on an lack of goals, the signing on move.

FAs may unite for Leeds are accused by Blackburn

The manager of Blackburn Rovers, Don Mackay, has accused Leeds of gamesmanship after studying a video of the last-minute penalty miss that cost his team a point at Ewood Park last Saturday.

David May skied the spot kick over the bar as Leeds held on to win 2-1 and Mackay said: "The video shows Gordon Strachan going into the box three times to talk to the

'Vinny Jones went in once and their 'keeper, Mervyn Day, walked out of the box to say something to a linesman and then stood a yard in front of his goalline. It was a disgraceful piece of gamesmanship and totally intimidating for the penalty-

 Alan Robinson, the referees' spokesman, will appear before the Football Association disciplinary committee today, charged with bringing the game into disrepute. The charge arises from com-

ments made by Robinson who is public relations officer for the Referees Association in a newspaper article after the stormy first division match between Arsenal and Norwich, which ended in a brawl.

● Italy, the World Cup hosts, have decided to extend the contract of their national team manager, Azeglio Vicini, until 1992 in a show of confidence before next June's finals.

■ NAPLES: Diego Maradona threatened to make an Italian journalist, who criticized him. eat his newspaper, during an angry confrontation at a tele-"You should be ashamed of

yourself, if you know what

shame means. I'll make you eat this newspaper!"
Maradona told the Naples journalist, Giuseppe Pacileo.
Pacileo, from the Naples
daily, Mattino, had given Maradona a 3.5 out of 10 for his performance in last Sunday's league match against Udinese. Maradona, who was due to make a broadcast with Pacileo on Monday, first brandished a copy of Mattino then

THE TIMES

to Coe

From David Powell Athletics Correspondent

Peter Elliott yesterday chal-

lenged Sebastian Coe to race

him over 1,500 metres a

formight before they meet at

the distance in the Common-

wealth Games. Elliott per-

formed a small miracle in

breaking the 1,000 metres

record set by Peter Snell 26

years ago — and the confidence

it brought had him calling for

Coe to be brought en.
Until Elliott hit town,

Snell's New Zealand all-com-

ers' record for 1,000 metres

had stood since 1964, the year that he set the world mile record in Anckland. It is in

Auckland that the Games start on Wednesday, and there, 10 days later, that Coe hopes to

end his international career

with a gold medal in the 1,500

Elliott's run yesterday

dwarfed anything which Coe has produced in his prepara-tory races for the Games. On a

day so blustery that the woun-

en's 200 metres was run with a

tailwind of 6.2 metres per

second (the legal limit for

records is 2mps), Elliott was only 4.12sec outside Coe's

world best, a time which Coe

reminded as last week that he

rated above any of his record-

breaking performances.
Elliott reduced by 0.3sec the

time set by Snell and equalled by John Walker, the 1976

Olympic 1,500 metres cham-

pion. The Rotherham man

recorded 2min 16.30sec, with-

out company for the last lap

and in a wind so capricious that, at one point in the evening, the pole vault appa-ratus was blown to the ground.

Inspired, he said, by watching a television documentary

about Arthur Lydiard, Snell's

coach, the previous evening, Elliott ran the last 200 metres

in 27sec, then announced that

in the final warm-up meeting

before the Games, in Auck-

land on Saturday, he would

Coe, the Olympic 1500 me-

tres champion of 1980 and

1984, said in Sydney after

winning winning an 800 me-

tres race on Saturday, that he

was considering the race in

Auckland this Saturday. El-

liott, whose philosophy is at

variance with the way Coe and

Ovett avoided each other in

the 1980s, said he would

welcome a pre-Games race

against an opponent, who,

together with the Kenyan,

Wilfred Kirochi, represents

the greatest obstacle to his

Elliott, the Seoul Olympic

silver medal winner said: "The

better the competition, the

better it will be - I hope Seb

runs because then we will find

out how good a shape we are

in. To beat Seb on Saturday

would be a great confidence

While Coe has been satisfied with his preparations, Elliott, too, has eajoyed a ran

of good form. He beat Steve

Cram in the 2,000 metres race

on grass in Durham three

weeks ago, and beat Walker

champion, is likely to miss the

Commonwealth Games start-

ing in Auckland next week

unless he can acquire a British

Gallagher, born in the Republic of Ireland, has lived

in Scotland for the last 22

years but still has an Irish

passport, making him incli-

Gallagher had apparently

not realized this until a few

days ago. His only hope is that

there will be something of a

bureaucratic miracle, enabling

him to acquire naturalization

within 24 hours. If he is

gible for the Games.

passport by midday today.

first international

ionship gold medal.

boost."

appear in the 1,500 metres.

Elliott: breaking a long-standing record in Hamilton by 4sec in an 800 metres last win in 13.50sec, though Jack-

Elliott was asked if he had ever felt so fit. "No, prior to this race I've done some of the best training sessions I've ever done," he said. And, making light of the effect the weather had on his time, an improvement of 0.17sec on his own train in Rotherham or Barnsley it's always like this."

There has been more than the weather to make Elliott feel at home. Staying with friends, this joiner by trade has kept his mind off the medals by building a fence. It makes a change from climbing over them, which is what he had to do to train on Christmas Day when his home track

with a chance, albeit small, of won upsetting Colin Jackson, rebest by 1.34 metres to 55.52 turned from minor injury to metres.

Scots' champion not British

Anthony Gallagher, the Scot- successful he will have to that the passport office can tish national badminton catch a separate flight to New issue him with something

team began their 26-hour

journey yesterday afternoon. If Gallagher does not catch a

plane today he will apparently

"The Commonwealth

Games council has said it will

accept Anthony in the team if he arrives by Friday," the

executive administrator of the

Scottish Badminton Union,

Anne Smillie, said. "And as

far as I am aware, after that he

in ineligible. Anthony accepts

that he has made a mistake

but he is going to travel to

Croydon anyway in the hope off the ground.

be ruled out.

Zealand because the rest of the acceptable at the last

speed left Jack Buckner a distant second in the 3000 metres. Martin has not been put off by his pitiful 5,000 and 10.000 metres double attempt in Secul and is having another go in Auckland. "Some ses-

Eamonn Martin's last lan

son was not in the field.

best, he said: "Whenever I sions I have done recently put a hole in the ones I was doing before I broke the British 10,000 metres record," Martin said after winning in 7min Paul Head passed his precompetition best three times in

the hammer. His 72.10 metres for victory, with his fellow Englishman, Dave Smith, on 71.80 metres, confirms they could challenge Sean Carlin, of Australia, for gold. Like Elliott, Jane Aucott, of

Tony Jarrett, the only England, set a New Zealand Commonwealth high hurdler all-comers' record — in the England, set a New Zealand en's discus, improving her

While red tape has been cut

through quickly in the past for so-called special cases - nota-

bly Zola Budd - Gallagher

presents an unusual problem. The Nationality Enquiry Bu-

reau will want to satisfy itself,

for instance, why he did not

obtain a British passport when

he had so long in which to do

so. If he cannot convince officials, and quickly, Gallagher's challenge in the

singles, men's doubles and the

team event will not even get

SPORT IN BRIEF

Security being tightened for Gatting's team

tour to South Africa by Mike Gatting's team of English cricketers to be re-arranged completely. The first three matches have deliberately been shifted away from areas (MDM) and other protesting factions are strongest.

A further indication of the power and efficient organization of the protestors - whose activities are unprecedented in South African sport — is that within the past 24 hours they have obtained copies of the tour programme. The list of venues and fixtures was kept top secret but somehow or another it still leaked.

The South African Cricket Union (SACU) who had hoped to keep the details hidden until later today, as Gatting's players leave London, reluctantly decided yesterday evening to make their plans known.

In addition to the opening matches being switched, the revised itinerary — only finalised about a week ago reveals that the two five-day international games have been moved. The first now begins in Johannesburg on February 8 and the second starts in Cape Town on February 16. Originally, Newlands, at Cape Town, was to have staged the first and the Wanderers in Johannesburg the second.

It can safely be surmised that SACU were advised to keep the tour and its accompanying demonstrations away from the Cape at a time when the South African Government moves to Cape Town for the opening of its new session during the first week in February. President De Klerk is widely expected to announce further relaxations of several laws and this, at one time, might also have co-

Mounting opposition from incided with the release of anti-apartheid groups has caused the itinerary for the This, however, is not ex-

pected to happen now until late February or early March according to experienced political observers here.

It is indicative of the cloak and dagger atmosphere that in the Republic where the has been present in the pre-Mass Democratic Movement tour arrangements that SACU has been present in the prehave already lined up alternative hotels for the parties of English supporters.

The original tour programme had the English cricketers starting successively in East London, Stellenbosch and Port Elizabeth, all centres where domestic political tropbles can be rife. Gatting's players now open

their tour in Kimberley, the isolated diamond mining town set in the semi-desert Karoo area of the Northern Cape which is relatively undisturbed by civil upheaval, compared with the rest of the country. The only unsatisfac. tory factor is that the temperature will probably be well over 100° F while the team is

They then move on to Bloemfontein, virtually the heartland of Afrikaanerdom where, for obvious reasons, the team should again be spared the worst attentions of the demonstrators. After that they move to Pietermaritzburg which, though the scene of regular Zulu disturbances. should not interfere too much with visiting cricketers.

Unless the protestors run out of steam, or the tour by then is already ended pre-maturely, the worst demonstrations could occur during the hectic one-day programme which completes the schedule. Port Elizabeth. Durban and Cape Town all potential trouble spots form different reasons, stage the first three limited-over

Imran maintains dignified stance

umpires, and the other, Imran the second Test match between Australia and Pakistan starts here tomorrow.

Border has also taken a swipe at Test cricketers turned television commentators for not giving his side the credit he considers is due to them. Carping criticism, he said, takes the joy out of winning. Those behind the micro-

phone at Channel Nine (formeriy Kerry Packer's, now Alan Bond's) with countless Australian caps to their names are Richie Benaud, Ian Chappell, Rodney Marsh and Bill Lawry, not to mention the ubiquitous Tony Greig, and if ever I happen to hear any of them they always seem to be saying how magnificent everything is. The essentially super-ficial World Series Cup was described as "a truly great competition".

Imran and the Pakistan

From John Woodcock, Adelaide

bruised hand. Like Salim and Rameez, Abdul Qadir's replacement, Mushtaq Ahmed, is also expected to play

team manager, Intikhab Alam, are confining their views on the Australian interpretation of the Ibw law, as practised at Melbourne on Tuesday, to their official reports. Very sensible, too. Even so, the old lady in the dry cleaners yesterday morning was certainly a little uneasy about the way Australia had come to win the first Test match with a string of legbefore decisions going their

In not entirely dissimilar circumstances in Pakistan in 1988 - the first match of a

With one captain, Allan Bor-series, a pitch more to the der, saying he will wrap his liking of the home side and seven-iron round the next umpiring not to the liking of person to ask him about the visitors - the Australians were all for packing their bags Khan, maintaining a dignified and going home. Instead of silence on the same subject, that here now, two excellent

batsmen, Salim Malik (seven Test hundreds) and Rameez Raja (two Test hundreds) flown in as reinforcements from Pakistan. Mansoor Akhtar is to be put on the shuttle back to Karachi today, ostensibly with a badly

Mushtaq is to be remembered from England's own last tour of Pakistan when, at the age of 17, he took six for 81 against Mike Gatting's side captained on that occasion by Emburey) at Sahiwal, His legbreak and googly bowling was the one stimulating thing about the match. England succeeded only in their

If the arrival of Salim Malik and Rameez makes another Adelaide draw that much more likely, it is just as well 6 that one of the three Test matches should be played on a really good batting pitch. Melbourne's was not that and Sydney's is not expected to be, and it is time the Australian attack was properly tested on a pitch which rewards nothing less than thoroughly good

determination not to enjoy

bowling. For fear that I am beginning to sound like a retired Australian Test player, now in the commentary box, it is only fair to say that Border's side has had a splendid 12 months. It is still, in fact, 12 days short of a year since they emerged from the shadows and beat West Indies in Sydney. Of their 11 Test matches since then, they have won another, six and lost none, and, as Border rightly and proudly claimed on Tuesday, they have been the front-runners in

Oddly enough, no one would welcome a good pitch for this Adelaide match more than two batsmen who have done so much to revive Australia's fortunes, Jones and Waugh. Although in Tests against England they both average 66, against Pakistan they have been correspondingly unsuccessful.

In eight innings against Pakistan, Jones averages 7.7: Waugh's average in seven innings against them is 16.4. It seems, by the way, as though Waugh's days as a bowler may be numbered. He has a stress fracture in the back, and even the three overs he had in Melbourne left him very sore.

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also in the way that the World in 1996. "What they do is up

Cup of rugby will be held next to them," he said.

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Welsh make little of an injury to Allen By Owen Jenkins

The Welsh rugby union team Davies, in different positions, held its final training session before Saturday's international against France with a 90-minute workout at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, which concentrated on moves and tac-

There was a slight scare when the second row and new cap, Andrew Allen, had to leave to receive stitches to a cut finger but he resumed and will take the field on Saturday. The Neath second row, Gar-eth Liewellyn, has been drafted in, however, as a precaution. John Ryan, chairman of selectors and coach, "The surgeon has assured us he'll be OK and we are satisfied that he will be able to play."

The forwards experimented with a blindside flanker, Phil

both in the line-out and at the base of the scrum. Ryan is hoping to use his experience in difference facets of the game. "We felt we needed more options in the lineout, especially with Robert Norster out," he said. "There will be opportunities for Phil Davies to pack down in other positions in the back row."

Ryan said Serge Blanco's absence from the French side would not much change the Welsh approach. "We felt he had some weaknesses and we were going to exploit them. And now that there is a winger playing at full back we hope to do the same. The French have a big pack and we hope we can run at them. We want to use the backs, we want to run at them and take them on."

Slater to lead fight Nicky Slater, the British icedance champion, is to lead the campaign, mounted by the Richmond Ice Rink Preservation Association, to have a new ice rink built in Richmond

Slater said the campaign to safeguard the future of skating in Richmond had received overwhelming public support following a scheme to build houses in the site. "Everyone is determined not to lose an ice facility in Richmond," he

Prop banned

The Ebbw Vale rugby union captain, Malcolm Sibthorpe, has been suspended for 12 weeks for butting in the match against Coventry on December 23. The prop was making his first appearance after a



Slater: no to housing plans Staying on

Ayr Raiders' signing of the Canadian ice hockey player, Keith Gretzky, initially a temporary arrangement, became permanent yesterday when the club announced that his registration would be retained until the end of the season, Danny Shea, the player for whom Gretzky was covering, will now be allowed to leave

Title tilt

Steve McCarthy, aged 27, is to challenge Tom Collins for his British light-heavyweight boxing title at Stoke on March 6.

Staying on Glamorgan County Cricket Club completed the signing of the former Surrey seamer,

Mark Frost, yesterday. **Action man** Harry Roberts, the former

secretary of the Deeside Dragons team which has been expelled from the Heineken British ice hockey league, may take legal action against the British Ice Hockey Association. Roberts has instructed

his solicitor to investigate the manner in which he was suspended from the game following Desside's failure to fulfil a league fixture at Humberside last Sunday.